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mals, he said.

Israel to pursue 'special' interrogations

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The Israeli government agreed Wednesday to allow the internal security agency Shio Beth to use extra force when questioning Palestinian suspects for another two months, official sources said. A ministerial committee which oversees the agency, chaired by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabio, gave the green light to go beyond the application of "moderate physical pressure" which has been officially endorsed since 1987. Shin Beth interrogalors were first given the additional powers after fulamic fundamentalists blew up a bus killing 22 people in Tel Aviv last October. However, it has not been revealed how far they can go. "Moderate" pressure has not been officially defined in public. Human rights groups accused the Shin Beth of systematic torture of Palestinians even before the rules were relaxed. "This authorisation is totally illegal under Israeli law, which bans torture, and certainly under international law," said Izhar Beer, chairman of Israel's leading human rights group Betselem. "No other Western country gives carte blanche to torture even when faced with a bomb campaign such as Britain in Northern Ireland," he said.



Israeli-Arab panel meets on 'displaced'

GAZA CITY (AFP) — An Israeli-Arab committee on Palestinians displaced during the 1967 Middle East war opened talks in Gaza City on Wednesday, officials said. The Egyptian-Israeli-Jordanian-Palestinian technical committee, set up under the 1993 declaration of principles for autonomy, was to meet for two days in Gaza. "We will focus on the definition of displaced persons and their number." Palestinian delegation chief Zohdi Said. "We will not discuss compensation because the only solution to the problem is the repatriation to the country where they were born," he added, Israel is talking about 200,000 peopte while the United Nations estimates that 350,000 were displaced. The Palestinian National Authority says the numbers have swelled to nearly 1.5 million people with all their dependents. The panel has held three previous session: a) Amman in March, a) Beersheba, Israel, ii June, and in Cairo last month. The negotiations, which have bogged down over the definition of a displaced person, are to

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Armed Forces 'copter crashes

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian Armed Forces helicopter crashed Wednesday during a training flight. Its two pilots were injured and are receiving treatment at the King Hussein Medical Centre, an Armed Forces spokcaman said. The spokesman said the crash occurred at 11 a.m. The helicopter, which was on a training mission, suddenly crashed, causing its two pilots to suffer injuries and were carried to the King Hussein Medical Centre for treatment. Their condition was described as good. There was no word as to where the crash occurred.

Water need not cause conflict -U.S. expert

STOCKHOLM (AFP) -

Water supplies need not be a source of conflict in the Middle East if they are properly managed and distributed, according to an American researcher heading a study on the region's water resources, "Water will always be available at a reasonable price. And if it is managed properly there will be no problem with supplies for the next 30 years," said Franklin Fisher. who is in Stockholm for the four-day international water symposium. Mr. Fisher's statements are based on the results of a project led by Harvard University along with Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian researchers. "We x. It is a sin," coordiar can't see that there needs to inister of Welfare As be a water crisis either for has told reporters. "It private citizens or for induste are trying to do is w: rial use," be said. He empha-tople affected by AIDSE sised that a better distribuey musi protect theiriz tion system was needed, not om the disease. They t more water. "However, it e conooms, because it. may be hard to meet agriculry cangerous disease. ture's irrigation needs if new nesia's Council of Us water works are not built." (UI), an influential to he said, adding that a water Muslim scholars has 'crisis could be averted "by for condoms to bet building sewage treatment ly to married couple; plants and recycling cities

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(AFP) — Israel voiced Wednesday opposition even ikini clad tours nian leaders in East Jeruto "courtesy" calls on Palesti-Prime Minister Mona Sahlin called off a planned visit. lice have slapped in Israel's Deputy Foreign fines on bikini clad me Minister Eli Deves with the state of Alassio, por war against diplomaric arrows as a state of the stat es of up 50,000 in a Orient House. He was speakre handed out 10 per ing after talks with Sweden's liking in a biking in Ambassador Carl iking in a mashed in the Hvilenius following the canceltation of the trip by Ms. Sahlin. "Even courtesy visits to the Orient House have a political character these days," Mr. Dayan said. In towns to marpho Slockholm, Ms. Sahlin ire deemed inappro announced she refused to be a "pawn" in the dispute over Jerusalem and that ber visit was cancelled.

U.S. detains NORA. Ontario | ship in Gulf

DUBA1 (R) — The U.S. Navy has intercepted a vessel in the Gulf carrying diesel r signings, police of traq in violation of United in violation of Un fuel and is investigating was carrying 3,500 tonnes of diesel fuel. "The ship is temporarily diverted pending further investigation. It came out of Shatt Al Arab waterhtings this summer way. We boarded it and found it did not have any paperwork. They ne. September and nave come from (the Iranian port of) Abadan," he said. It is when bears are low was the first interested food, added the bear since he first interested. food. added M. since May by the U.S. Navy, o noted that the suith enforcing U.N. o noted that the guith enforcing U.N. sanctions imee black bears work of trapped another trapped another vessels violating the sanctions. Of the 14 pines. i tranquilised 18 or tions. Of the 14, nine carried oil and the rest days

King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah receive Kabariti

Foreign minister delivers message from King Hussein, upbeat on Saudi-Jordanian relations

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

JEDDAH -- King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia on Wednesday received Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti, who delivered to him a message from His Majesty King Hussein in the first highest level contact between the two monarchs since August 1990 and the most tangible sign yet of Jordanian-Saudi reconciliation after five vears of strain.

The Jordan News Agency. Petra, which reported the meeting, said the message dealt with "hilateral relations and means to improve them." It did not claborate.

Expected to be reviewed during the meeting were Jordanian-Saudi relations and means to restore them to pre-Gulf crisis levels as well as the latest developments in the region, including the dramatic defection of a

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordanian gov-

ernment and Iraqi embassy

officials on Wednesday de-

nied reports that the wife of

Iraqi President Saddam Hus-

sein was visiting Amman in a

bid to meet her two daugh-

ters who defected to Jordan

"The report is not true."

said an official spokesman.

'The wife of the president of

A spokesman for the Iraqi

Iraq is not visiting Jordan.'

embassy also denied the re-

ports and said he had "no

information that the presi-

dem's wife was or is coming

According to earlier re-

ports, Sajida Saddam Hus-

sein, in her mid-50s, arrived

m Amman on Tuesday and

was staying at the residence

of the Iraqi ambassador,

Ibrahim Nouri Al Wais.

to Jordan,"

high-ranking Iraqi official and son-in-law of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. However, officials from

both sides suid Mr. Kabariti's visit here was arranged prior to the Aug. 8 defection to Jordan of Hussein Kamel Hassan, Iraq's nuoister of industry. and his brother Saddam Kamei Hassan, a senior army officer, along with their wives, both of whom daughters of President Saddam, and that the visit was not related to the defection.

The officials noted that Mr. Kabariti had visited Saudi Arabia and held talks with his Saudi counterpart Prince Saud Al Faisal on July 15.

Jordanian and Iraqi officials

The two daughters, Raghad

and Rana, who are mar-

ried to brothers Hussein

Kamel Hassan and Saddam

Kamel Hassan respectively,

came to Amman on Aug. 8

along with their husbands

and children. Their entour-

age included army officers

and soldiers, among them a

cousin of the Hassans, Major

Izzedine Mohammad Has-

Hussein Kamel Hassan,

who served as lrag's minister

of industry, and Saddam

Kamel Hassan, head of the

Iraqi presidential guards,

their families and all others

with them were granted asy-

lum in Jordan by His Majesty

Saddam's eldest son, rushed

to Amman close on their

Uday Hussein, President

san, and his family.

King Hussein.

deny Saddam wife is visiting

It is expected that the current visit would lead to a summit meeting between King Hussein and King Fahd. The Saudi Foreign Ministry is also expected to announce an ambassador to Jordan to fill the post that has been vacant since

1991, when Saudi-Jordanian relations were strained as a result of conflicting positions adopted during the Gulf crisis triggered by the August 1990 traqi invasion of Kuwaii.

Earlier in the day, Crown Prince Abduliah Ben Abdul Aziz, who is also first deputy prime minister. received Mr. Kabariti and discussed hilaseral relations, It was also the first time in five years that Prince Abdullah had mei with a scnior Jordanian official.

Petra said that during the meeting, attended by Prince Saud and Jordanian Ambassador Hani Khalifeh, Mr. Kabariti conveyed to Prince Abdullah greetings from King Hussein.

Discussed during the meeting were "the latest developments at the Arab and international levels and Saudi-Jordanian relations," Petra said.

Mr. Kabariti, who arrived

Sajida Saddam Hussein

hails from the Khairallah

family. She married Saddam

Hussein in 1963 and borne

him two boys, Uday and

Qusai, and three girls,

Raghad and Rana as well as

for a second time in 1988. His

second wife is Samira

Shahbandar, who used to

work for Iraqi Airways. He

was reported to have married

a third wife, varyingly identi-

fied as nuclear/solar scientist

Haifa or Nidal. There has

been no confirmation of the

Sajida is the sister of

Adnan Khairallah, a defence

minister who died in a 1989

Hussein Kamel told repor-

third marriage.

helicopter crash.

President Saddam married

here on Tuesday in his second visit to Saudi Arabia in a month, held overnight talks with Prince Saud "in a brotherly atmosphere," Petra reported.

"The two sides reaffirmed their keenness on continuing political dialogue over various issues of common interest," Petra said. "They agreed to exert efforts towards restoring pan-Arab solidarity and unity.

Addressing the press, Mr. Kabariti noted that Jordan and Saudi Arabia had traditionally maintained strong ties and cooperation in various fields.

"Strong Saudi-Jordanian relations form a nucleus for solid relations and for a pan-Arab and regional strategy that would help the Arab World stave off danger and deal with the various challenges development," said Mr.

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U.S. dollar rises here; no fault the president's two daughters to return to Iraq or at least to meet them. Jordanian territory by their own choice, and Uday's sis-ters refused to meet with of dinar

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

MMAN - The American dollar shot up in the local market by more than one per cent on Wednesday as the greenback rallied internationally as a result of a combined Japanese-American-German effort to bring down the value of the ven.

The dollar was traded at Amman exchange houses at 715/717 fils to 720/723 fils on Wcdnesday up from 708/710 fils on Tuesday, commercial banks traded the dollar at the 713/715 fils — as set by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) — plus their commission, making the net price almost the same as the pri-

vate exchange houses. The CBJ set rate for the dollar on Tuesday was 706 708 fils.

Slipping in the market were to German mark, which dropped overnight to around 480 fils from 590 fils, and the sterling pound shed about 10 fils to trade at JD1.1/1.102.

481 fils, compared with 489/ 492 fils on Tuesday. The drop in the value of the sterling in exchange houses eame despite the

almost steady rate set overnight by the CBJ at 1.1065/ 1.112. Moncychangers and banking officials said the rise of the exchange value of the dollar in the local market was

only a natural outcome of the strengthening of the currency in the international market They noted that the dollar could rise further as Japan

sought to level off its currency at the 100-yen-to-a-dollar At the same time, the expected further rise in the launch an offensive."

dollar could also cause "unwanted and unfounded" headaches for local authorities on a different level, bankers said. "One of the main problems we have here is local senti-

ment, which jumps everytime there is a significant movement in the exchange market," said a banking executive. "Given the flourishing rumour mill in town, most people fear the dinar is going to be devalued." Obviously mindful of the

sentiment and trend, CBJ "The U.N. is increasingly (Continued on page 71

cooperate with U.N. On Aug. 8, Industry Minister Hussein Kamel Hassan, an army Lieutenant-General, defected to Jordan and five days later Iraq asked Mr. Ekeus and Hans Blix, bead of

JUMPING TO QUEUE: Palestinian workers jump over a wall at the

Ercz checkpoint between the Gaza Strip and Israel to renew their permit

cards to Israel. Thousands have to renew the cards after the Israeli army

offered the change to "magnetic cards" in a move the army described as

Baghdad pledges to

a security measure (AFP photo)

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq pledged Wcdnesday to

cooperate with the U.N. dis-

armament commission "with-

in limits" after inviting its

chairman bere to receive

weapons secrets it said were

U.N. officials said.

withheld by a defector.
Rolf Ekeus, head of the
U.N. Special Commission obtain new information. (UNSCOM) on disarming Deputy Prime Minister Tarcq Aziz said the informa-Iraq, was expected in Baghdad on Thursday for his tion had been hidden by Gen. second visit in two weeks, Hussein in a bid to give Washington a pretext to block a lifting of the sanc-"The Iraqi leadership has

decided to cooperate in the highest degree with UN-But diplomats said the 1ra-SCOM within limits which do qi move appeared to have not harm Iraq's sovereignty been pre-emptive. and its territorial integrity, They said Gen. Hassan,

the ruling Baath Party newswho was also head of the paper, Al Thawra, said. Military Industrialisation Baghdad has in the past Organisation (M1O) and invoked its "sovereignty" architect of Iraq's arms programmes, had held talks in when it refused to comply with U.N. resolutions. Amman with U.S. officials interested in details about the lraq's "wise" leaders took

the decision "amid concern weapons programme. to ease as much as possible Mr. Ekeus said Tuesday the suffering of the people. that Baghdad had made a who have been under U.N. "positive change" by showing economic sanctions since it was ready to reveal everything about its secret Baghdad invaded Kuwait in August 1990, the newspaper weapons programmes and that recent developments This approach wilt "re-

could help end the embargo. move the excuses used" to The U.N. Security Counmaintain the embargo and cil, which meets every two opeo the way for Iraqi months to review the sanctions, was due to meet again citizens to regain their natural right to obtain food and in September. Defence Minister Sultan

Iraq said it gave Mr. Ekeus at the start of this month a Hashem Ahmad said Wednesday that Iraq's warfinal report on its germ warplanes and air defences have fare programme, described as prepared for possible the remaining obstacle to a "threats," amid a U.S. militlifting of U.N. sanctions. But ary building in the region. Mr. Ekeus said later the re-"The air force and antiaircraft units successfulty port was incomplete.

conducted mobilisation exercises" on Monday and Tuesday to "meet eventual threats," General Ahmad said in a telegram to President Saddam. the International Atomic The Iraqi exercises, dub-bed "Call of the Comman-Energy Agency, to visit Baghdad "urgently" to

der" of the armed forces, "took place precisely and successfully," according to the telegram which was published in the official press.

A U.S. Defence Depart-

ment spokesman said in Washington on Tuesday that the United States had increased its military presence in the Middle East to protect Jordan after it granted asylum to Gen. Hassan.

Kuwait, which was occupied by Iraq in 1990-1991, said Wednesday it had taken precautions along its northern desert border and had discussed defence preparations with U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker.

The Al Iraq newspaper asked why Washington had beefed up its forces in the

"All what happened is that a minister fled and chose the side of the traitors and enemies. It's a normal event that happens in a lot of countries," the newspaper said. "Is it worth the trouble for

the U.S. president to threaten Iraq and put (U.S.) troops on a state of alert." it added.

"The American administration must understand that the revolution led by Saddam Hussein is destined for

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any accord is signed.

nian prisoners. PLO sources said Mr. Ara-

agreement within two or three weeks, to culminate the 1993 Israel-PLO accord cess in motion.

must tackle the thorniest issues — the future of Jerusalem. Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the question of Palestinian statehood.

late Tuesday night after two days of meetings, the committee asserted its prerogative to make its final position known "only after... a comprehensive agreement on the issues of the interim period." It added that there should

would blast the peace process in its entirety," it said. Mr. Arafat was willing to allow the settlement to remain with Israeli army pro-

the rest of the city. Despite the insistent tone of the statement, it is unlikely that the committee would present major objections at a later stage after having familiarised itself now with the

The committee has never overturned a decision by Mr. Arafat since the 1993 autonomy accord.

secn as representative of the entire PLO movement. 1ts 18 members dwindled to 10 by this meeting because of defections in recent years and no-shows by critics of Mr. Arafat's compromises with

"The state bas been declared. I don't think there's a reason to declare it again, said Marwan Kanafani, Mr. Arafat's spokesman.

ter Israel's pullout from the West Bank,

ZAGREB (Agencies) -Croatian troops could soon launch an incursion into southern Bosnia to push back Bosnian Serb forces which

medicine.

have been shelling the town of Dubrovnik, U.N. officials said Wednesday. Two elite, battle-hardened Croatian army brigades were in the region as of Wednesday, providing what onc U.N. source described as "the piece that was missing to

Over the weekend and into this week, Serb gunners on hilltops 30 kilometres away in the Trebinje area of southem Bosnia fired round after round of artillery shells at Dubrovnik, an historic Adriatic coast city.

U.N. officials said they feared Croatia, fresh from victory over Serb secessionists in the Krajina region, would launch an offensive to drive the Bosnian Serb artillery out of range of Dubrov-

concerned about a Croatian offensive which we assess could begin within days," U.N. spokesman Christopher Gunness told a press confer-

Serbs pounding Dubrovnik

U.N. special envoy Yasushi Akashi said U.N. monitors had seen around 100 military trucks heading from the town of Place to Dubrovnik. "So we may accept some intensification of fighting there," he said.

He spoke a day after Croatia's army supreme commander threatened to attack Serb-held southern Bosnia tof push Serbs out of artillery range of Dubrovnik. Mr. Akashi, civilian chief

of the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Croatia, said U.N. peacekeepers had seen 100 Croatian army trucks heading south towards Durbrovnik this week.

Dubrovnik, known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" for its venetian walls and renaissance facades, was heavily bombarded in a 1991 siege during Croatia's war for indcpendence.

Its hinterland, including the airport, has been shelled with renewed frequency from nearby Serb-held Bosnia since Croatia last week crushed the four-year rebellion by Serbs in its Krajina

region.
The Bosnian Serb army says any shelling of the Dubrovnik area has been a response to Croatian artillery and infantry assaults on the Trebinje region in Serb-held Bosnia.

U.N. sources said a Croatian army brigade, which numbers 3,000-4,000 troops, had moved into Dubrovnik's hinterland facing Serbs in Bosnia less than 15 kilometres away.

Diplomats and U.N. officials expressed concern that a new war front could open up while U.S. envoys were touring the capitals of Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia with a new plan to try to bring peace to the war-shattered region.

Western diplomats said the U.S. plan for ex-Yugoslavia uses a mixture of threats and inducements to the warring

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TUNIS (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee gave Yasser Arafat the green light to continue negotiations on an Israeli troop redeployment in the West Bank but insisted on having the final word before

The committee met to review last week's "joint dec-laration" by Mr. Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres, which cleared the way for a three-stage Israeli withdrawal from rural areas and further releases Palesti-

fat was keen to have a final second, or "interim" phase of which set the autonomy pro-After that, the negotiations

In a statement, released

pretexts... until the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) extends its rule in all the West Bank and Gaza." The comminec condemned

recent actions by Jewish settiers, who have set up encampments on West Bank hilltops to protest the expansion of Palestinian rule, and the existence of a settlement with 400 Jews inside Hebron. a city of 110,000 Palestinians. The presence of senlers in the city is a time bomb that

But the sources indicated tection if he gets control of

Arafat-Peres framework agreement.

Furthermore, the sources said the leadership of the PLO's dominant Fatch faction was already discussing preparations for the Palesti-

nian elections that are to

Palestinians opposed to the pact have called a meeting in Amman next week to coordinate efforts to quash the deal. They have branded the deal a sellout.

In Gaza city, a PNA official said the Palestinians do not need to declare independence after Israel withdraws from the West Bank because they already declared their state in 1988.

Mr. Kanafani was responding to a report in the Israeli daily newspaepr Yediot Ahronot that Mr. Arafat had formed a secret committee to plan celebrations for a declaration of independence af-

Everybody knows that the Palestinian people are looking for a state of their own," Mr. Kanafani added,

Iran: U.S. ban does not hurt

is forging ahead with oil sales despite a U.S. embargo, its foreign minister said Tuesday after signing a cooperation agreement with South Africa.

Iran is negotiating an oil storage deal with South Africa, raising concern in the United States. Washington imposed a trade and commerce ban on Iran on June 6, accusing Tehran of supporting international terrorism and trying to acquire nuclear

"There is no difficulty for selling oil after the announcement of the embargo by the United States," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akhar Velayati told reporters. The Middle East Economic Survey reported that Iran's crude oil sales were down just 2.3 per cent in July compared to June figures.

"I can tell you this is not the first failure they have had in their foreign policy," Mr. Velayati said. "They have to learn not to interfere with the internal affairs of other countries."

Earlier this month, the U.S. State Department publicly urged South Africa to "reconsider its cooperation with Iran." South African officials say links with Iran serve their interests and open channels of communication.

"South Africa stands to gain from this agreement, and I have South African interests at heart," Pik Botha, South Africa's minister of mineral and energy affairs, told reporters after meeting with Mr. Velayati later Tuesday to discuss their oil deal and possible future cooperation.

Joey Lucas, spokesman for U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, told the Associated Press that the disagreement would not affect generally strong U.S.-South African relations. Mr. O'Leary arrives Saturday as head of the largest U.S. trade mission ever to visit South Africa.

Iranian and South African sources said their oil storage deal was going through.

President Clinton on Tuesday

sent to the secretary of state

presidential determination

No. 95-36, suspending res-

trictions on U.S. relations

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tion Organisation (PLO) un-

Following is the text of the President Determination, as

released by the White House:

President Determination

Memorandum for the

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with the Palestine Liberation

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A) Section 307 of the Fore-

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on U.S. relations with the PLO

WASHINGTON (USIA) - as it applies with respect to

Africa was to store 15 million barrels of Iranian oil in facilities South Africa had built to cope with anti-apartheid sanctions that hampered its ability to buy oil.

South Africa was to help Iran find buyers for the oil, and split the profits of any

Mr. Velayati, who signed a ecoperation agreement covering political, economic and cultural areas, said South Africa would be a bridge to the rest of Africa for Iran. In turn, Iran could be a conduit to Asia and the former Soviet Union for South Africa, he

"There are very good indications that both countries are determined to strengthen relations," Mr. Velayati said. "We're certainly dis-

ennointed that the South Africans saw fit to go forward with that contract," said State Department spokesman David Johnson.

He said the United States had made it clear that it wanted other countries to cooperate in its unilateral economic embargo against Iran, which Mr. Johnson called a "state dedicated to acquiring nuclear weapons and to undermining the peace process."

"We will continue to work with the South Africans and other friends to try to convince them of our point of view." Mr. Johnson said.

The oil deal comes as Iran and South Africa announced the establishment of a joint diplomatic commission, brushing aside United States concern over the expanding trade relationship between Pretoria and Tehran.

Mr. Velayati said the joint commission agreement would give Iran access to African markets in return for its support for South Africa's social upliftment programmes.

The Iranian official met Deputy President Frederik de Klerk on Tuesday and will also meet other members of the South African cabinet during his three-day visit.

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on Tuesday called for a new parties involved address the round of peace talks between fundamental issues that dithe Sudanese government vide them. and rebel factions to preserve "I hope these talks can be a fragile ceasefire agreement. convened soon. The leaders "I call on all Sndanese parof the Sudanese people should seize this opportunity ties to halt immediately all

military activity and respect the ceasefire," Mr. Carter said in a statement issued by the Atlanta-hased Carter The former president was

able to broker a ceasefire in the country's civil war last March, so that the Carter Centre and other groups, incinding the World Health Organisation, could treat civilians for illnesses such as river blindness and guinea worm disease. Clinton suspends restrictions Mr. Carter said the pro-

Islamic government and its. two rebel opponents - the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement Army (SPLMA) and the South Sudan Independence Movement Army (SSIMA) - accepted a late July invitation to attend peace talks hosted by Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi.

Turkish court releases Kurds; case continues

ANKARA (R) — A Turkish court on Wednesday released from detention a former Kurdish deputy and 15 others on trial for separatism because of a protest last month during a trial of officials from a pro-Kurdish party.

Sirri Sakik, a former deputy from the nowbanned Democracy Party (DEP), and the other defendants face hetween two to five years if found guilty under article 8 of the anti-terror law, their lawyer told Reuters.

"What they are really heing charged with is being Kurds," said lawyer Yusuf Alatas,....

... Article 8 is generally used against people who say or write something critical about Turkey's treatment of its Knrdish minority. Scores of writers and others are in prison under the controversial law that Ankara's Western allies want changed.

The 17 defendants —

were part of a group of some 240 people detained on July 6 after they were hlociked from attending the hearing of four officials from the People's Democracdy Party (Hadep).

Turkish law does not of detaining people while trials are ongoing.

SUSPECTED KILLER: Jewish settler Zeev Liebskind is taken to court by policemen on Wednesday on charges of shooting dead a Palestinians during protests over land rights in the

one was not detained -

Spectators s left in the hallway hroke into traditional Kurdish wailing while clapping and flashing the victory sign with their fingers.

Mr. Sakik, a former member of Hadep's banned predecessor the Democracy Party (DEP), was released in December after nine months in jail for separatism.

Six other DEP partia-

mentarians are still in prison after being convicted of links to rebel Kurdish guerrillas.

use the bail system and the courts have the option

ported. officers in Iraq shootdown face end of career

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven officers involved in the accidental shootdown of two U.S. army helicopters over Iraq last year are receiving administrative punishments

Woods Agreement Act (22 U.S.C. 286W), as it applies to the granting to the Palestine Liberation Organisation of observer status or other official status at any meeting sponsored by or associated with the International Monetary Fund.

2. Certify that the Palestine Liberation Organisation continues to ahide by the commitments described in section 583(h) (4) of the Act.

You are authorised and directed to transmit this determination to the Congress and to publish it in the Federal Register.

no one aboard survived.

West Bank on Aug. 13 (AFP photo)

talks in Sudan

ATLANTA (R) - Former

U.S. President Jimmy Carter

Carter calls for peace

that could mean an end to their air force careers, officials announced Tuesday. "We are holding all in-volved accountable," Gener-

al Ronald Fogleman, the air force chief of staff, said in a videotape to he viewed hy all U.S. air force officers. The tape was shown at a Pentagon news conference announcing the disciplinary actions.

The seven officers - two F-15 pilots, three members of an air force radar command and control aircraft and two hrigadier generals — are not being fired or accused of criminal acts.

The April 14, 1994, accident killed 26 people, including 15 Americans. The F-15 pilots, flying a routine mission to enforce a U.N. "nofly" zone over northern Iraq, mistook the army Black

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 32 Aqaba 37, Humidity readings: Amman 41 per cent, Aqaba 29 per cent.

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NIGHT DUTY

AMMAN:

Hawk helicopters for Iraqi Hind aircraft. Each fighter pilot shot down one chopper;

Mr. Carter said lasting

peace will only come if the

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and end the great suffering

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Up to half a million people

The initial ceasefire bro-

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Mr. Carter said the govern-

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was made toward a lasting

Each side has accused the

other of breaking the cease-

fire accord, but the Sudanese

army's capture of the rebel

town Kaya on Saturday was

the first major offensive re-

Mr. Carter

The punishments were announced Tuesday by Major General Nolan Sklute, the staff judge advocate of the air force, the service's top legal officer. He said no additional disciplinary action is

contemplated. Gen. Fogleman said the two F-15 pilots -- Licutenant General Randy May and Captain Eric Wickson — are barred from flying duties for at least three years. That effectively ends their careers as air force fighter pilots, although they could remain in the service in other jobs.

Gen. Fogleman ordered that three members of the radar plane crew also be grounded for at least three years. Among them is Capt. Jim Wang, acquitted hy a military jury in June of criminal charges.

Also grounded were Capt. Joseph Halcli and Lt. Ricky

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Wilson, two other radar controllers aboard the AWACS plane, which never alerted the F-15 pilots that the U.S. helicopters were flying in the

In addition to the groundings, Gen. Fogleman wrote highly critical "letters of evaluation" on the two F-15 pilots, the three AWACS crewmen and two hrigadier generals.

These letters are entered in the men's permanent personnel files and taken into consideration by promotion boards: in effect, it means the men are highly unlikely to be promoted again.

Generals receiving critical letters are Jeffrey S. Pilkington, commander from his headquarters in Incirlik, Turkey, of the air force operation in northern Iraq, and Curtis Emery II, who at the time of the shootdown was a colonel.

Gen. Fogleman decided to issue the letters of evaluation after personally reviewing the seven men's performance reports and determining they did not adequately meet the high standards of the air force," one official said.

All had been reprimanded in the shootdown, hut the air force still came under strong criticism, particularly from family members of some of those killed in the shootdown, for not punishing those responsible sufficiently.

Col. Wang, who claimed he was heing made a scapegoat for the mistakes of others, was the only officer tried criminally. After his acquittal, Deputy Defence Secretary John White last month ordered the air force to consider additional noncriminal punishments.

Mr. White set an Aug. 23 deadline for Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall to report the results. Mr. White received Gen. Fogleman's decision on the seven men

NEWS IN BRIEF

Malaysian officials visit Iran for Bosnia talks

TEHRAN (AFP) - A high-level Malaysian military delegation arrived here Wednesday for talks with their Iranian counterparts on the Bosnia crisis, Iranian Radio said. The delegation, headed by the commander of the Malaysian armed forces, General Ismael Omar, is here on the third leg of a regional tour which also took it to Pakistan and Turkey, it said. Gen. Omar told reporters after arriving that he would discuss hilateral and regional issues, notably those related to the Islamie world, including Bosnia. Gen. Mohammad Bagher Zolghandre - the chief-of-staff of the Iranian elite force, the Revolutionary Guards, - said Iran and Malaysia hoped to "find a concrete and effective solution" to the Bosnian conflict. Iranian officials said earlier this month that military experts from the Organisation of Islamie Conference (OIC) contact group would meet in Tehran to discuss lifting the armseemhargo on Bonsia. The meeting here would be followed up soon by another session in Malaysia, they said.

Israeli students paint army tank pink

TEL AVIV (AP) - Students protesting militarism in Israeli society painted an army tank memorial buhhle-gum pink. "I understand that there are other views, but this seems pretty ridiculous," said Arieh Keren, director of the armoured corps memorial, which brought in a crane-Wednesday to remove the offending tank. "Of course these machines of war do not symbolise peace, but in a way they, contributed to peace." The tank, a Soviet-huilt, Stalin-class tank captured from the Egyptians in the 1967 Middle East war, stood along the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. Avi Posen, a spokesman for the students, told the Associated Press said the tank represented "the militarism" and other grotesque periods in Israel's history. These were vehicles of slaughter and a symbol of the pursuit of militarism." The students included former commandos and reserve officers. Mr. Keren said that when he learned the tank had been painted pink, "I went there and put some flowers in the barrel.'

Bombs explode in oil Installations In Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) - Two bombs exploded in oil installations in the petroleum-rich sonthwestern Iran causing extensive damage, a newspaper reported Wednesday. The 'relatively powerful" devices, which went off on Saturday, were placed in oil pipelines running through Ahvaz, the main city of Khuzestan province bordering Iraq, the daily Iran said. There were no casualties. The daily blamed the attack on the main armed Iranian opposition group, the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq. It recalled that the Iraq-based grouphad claimed responsibility for a series of earlier bomh attacks against oil installations in Khuzestan province. The Mnjahedeen said in June 1993 that their rebels haddestroyed 11 pipelines in the region.

U.S. helicopter crashes off Cyprus

NICOSIA (AP) - Police aircraft and boats pressed on Wednesday with the search for four U.S. crewmen missing after their helicopter crashed in the Mediterranean Sea, authorities said. A U.S. Navy ship and British Royal Air Force helicopter joined in the operation off the southern: coast of this island, where the Black Hawk helicopter went down Tuesday night. Wreckage of the helicopter was found in the morning strewn over a large area of Ziyi Bay, 27 kilometres west of Larnaca airport, said a police official, who spoke in exchange for anonymity. The Black Hawk was headed for the airport in tandem with another after. taking off from the British air base at Akrouri on Cyprus. It was scheduled to pick up supplies for the U.S. embassy in . Beirut. The crash occurred as the U.S. Navy and Air Force staged joint exercises about 100 kilometres further south in the Mediterranean.

UAE researcher wants more local babies

ABU DHABI (AP) — A government researchers has reportedly recommended that local parents get financial incentives to have more babies in order to offset rising numbers of foreign and mixed-race children. This Gulf state, where eight of every 10 residents is an expatriate, is worried about its changing demographics hrought about by its oil wealth and importation of foreign labour. "There is currently an imbalance between the number of nationals and expatriates," Abdullah Al Ahmedi, a director at the UAE state audit department, said in a study reported by the local English-language newspaper, Gulf News. "We need to have more nationals... take a greater role in the large economic strides the country is achieving." A marriage fund, established a few years ago by the president, Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan, to financially help national men meet high wedding costs, lends 70,000 dirhams (\$19,000) to the men who marry local women. Mr. Ahmedi proposed that instead of having to pay back the sum in installments, the couples should be given an exemption of 20.

Turkish embassy reopens in Kabul

KABUL (AFP) - Turkey has reopened its embassy in Kabul after a lapse of two and a half years, officials said Wednesday. The Turkish embassy was evacuated in Fehruary 1993 because of the poor security situation amid intense factional fighting. "We feel that the security situation now is fine and we have therefore returned," said Turkish Charge d'Affaires Salih Sen, following the formal reopening of his mission Tuesday. Pakistan and India restored their emhassies this year, while Iran and Indonesia never withdrew their missions. The diplomat underlined Turkey's neutrality, saying "we do not make any discri-mination between different Afghan ethnic groups, have no favourites whatsoever and enjoy good relations with all of

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Qasas and Najwa Kondakji at the Royal Cultural

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mad this past week to the border crossing at Sheikh Hussein Bridge, he said he was very critical of the wny in which travellers were being handled. Mr. Khatib said travellers

were being exposed to unnecessary suffering. He stressed that the transiting process οf

through the border needs to be simplified. The aim, he said, is to eventually arrive at interna-

tional standards.

Meanwhile, the Jordan Agency, Petra, Wednesday reported that the Tourism Department in Aqaba said that a total of 69,835 visitors bad crossed into Jordan through the southern crossing point at Wadi Araba, near Aqaba,

since it opened in August The department said it

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Abdul Ilah Khatih

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JBA Chairman Hamdi Tabba'a said that the JBA was trying to ensure the widest possible participation in the coming conference by various countries and that the Jordanian private sector was spearheading preparations for the

meeting. Mr. Tabba'a also discussed with the Turkish delegation arrangements for a visit to Jordan by a Turkish husiness delegation in November and for a Jordanian husinessmen delegation to visit

> study means through which Bonn could help Amman. Jordan owes Germany about \$500 million after Bonn extended deht relief of has encouraged about \$50 million to the Kingdom last year.

One of the subjects touched during Chancellor Kohl's visit here was possibilities of offering further debt relief. However, no specific amounts or details were discussed since the chancellor talks here focused on political issues.

Amman (Petra) — The

Council of Ministers, which

met under the chairmanship

of Prime Minister Sharif

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Abdul Karim Kabariti and

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the Ministry of Foreign

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN - German Min-

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Mr. Dieter's visit comes as

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Chancellor Helmut Kohl

had here in June when Jor-

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explore means to further

economic cooperation and

official said Wednesday.

meeting in New York.

The highlight of Chancel lor Kohl's visit was a tripartite summit he held with His Majesty King Hussein and

Minister Yitzhak Rabin at a hilltop in the Bagoura area in the north, territory that Israel returned to Jordan under the

peace treaty that the two

countries signed in October. The summit was seen as a reaffirmation of Germany's support for the Middle East peace process and willingness to extend assistance to consolidate the peace accord reached between Jordan and lsrael.

Mr. Dieter's visit to Jordan will be part of a tour of the Middle East. He begins the visit in Israel and is expected to hold taks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and other Israeli officials.

On his way to Jordan on Aug. 23 for the four-day visit, Mr. Dieter is scheduled to make a stopover in the Palestinian self-rule enclave of Jericho and tour Germanfinanced projects there and hold talks with senior officials of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), including President Yasser

In Amman, His Majesty King Hussein and Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker are scheduled to bold talks with Mr. Dieter, who will be accompanied by senior officials from the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Develop-

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attend the Non-Aligned

Nations' foreign ministers

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Dr. Dieter will also hold talks with Minister of Planning Rima Khalaf and Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleb Irsheidat,

Jordan and Israel have sought German financing for water projects included in the peace treaty. The total cost of the projects is estimated at \$535 million, but there has not been any discussion on specific figures

with any party. The European Union (EU), of which Germany is a member, is financing feasihility studies on the proposed projects with an 11 million European currency unit (ECUs) - about \$14 million.

EU diplomais have said that while there had been no definite commitment, the European bloc, along with other potential donors, will also consider financing for the projects after the studies, expected to be complete next year, formally establish

Germany, which CODtributes 28 per cent of the EU hudget, has also indicated that it will consider financing the projects. which include dams and diversion structures as well as a desalination plant.

Abdul Karim Kabariti

On a bilateral level, Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti said after Mr. Kohl's visit that Jordan sought debt relief from Germany and that the chancellor suggested that the issue be followed up by the related

ministers from the two sides. As such, possibilities of German debt relief for Jordan is expected to be closely discussed during Mr. Dieter's visit here. Апу decision reached is expected to be announced only after the German government formally approves the move.

In per capita terms, Jordan is the largest recipient of German aid.

While in Jordan, Mr. Dieter will also address a press conference on Thursday, Aug. 24.

He will also visit Petra, where Germany is financing projects to preserve monuments in the ancient Nabaiean city.

on Aug. 26, where he will stay for two days before

Turkish private sector to participate in MENA

AMMAN (J.T.) -The head of a visiting Turkish economic and trade delegation, Asra Tatli Oglu, told the Jordanian Businessmen's Association (JBA) Wednesday that the Turkish private sector will take active part in the Midde East and North Africa (MENA) conference due to be held here in Octo-

conference

The delegation members, who arrived in Amman Tuesday, said that Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller will most probably lead the official Turkish delegation

Turkey next month.

.The JBA is cooperating with Turkish businessmen through a Jordan-Turkey husiness council created in mid-1994 which Mr. Tahha'a increased trade relations between Jordan and Turkey.

Thabet Taher, head of the JBA's executive committee, Wednesday met Samir Abdullah, head of the Palestine Economists' Association, and discussed coordination between the Palestinian and Jordanian private business sectors for the

Mr. Taher said afterwards that the two sides agreed that a Palestinian businessmen delegation should visit Jordan in the next few days to discuss joint projects to be submitted to the MENA conference.

October conference.

The JBA and the Palestinian businessmen last month created a Jordan-Palestine Business Council to promote trade relations in the wake of the first Jordanian-Palestinian businessmen's conference held in Amman in June.

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(Continued from page 12) funds, an arrangement financed separately by the wealthier members to provide special concessionary

force, made up of representatives of 30 countries from within and outside the Middle East, has scheduled another meeting for Sept. 12-14 in Rome. At this meeting, lask force members hope to refine the proposed bank's draft articles of agreement for endorsement at the Am-

The Clinton administration, in the words of Assistant Secretary of State Robert Pelletreau, is "intent on ensuring (the Development Bank's) financial

He added, however, a word of caution in a recent testimony before Congress.

dan Ahmad Hassan Lawzi.

between the two countries. Under the deal the two sides

agreed to remove restrictions on flights and the type of air-

craft used in transport operations. The memorandum was

signed by Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Director General

Ahmad Jweiber and the head of the Yemeni Civil Aviation

Corporation in the presence of Yemen's ambassador to Jor-

AMMAN(J.T.) — A delegation representing small and medium-size economic and husiness organisations in Romania met here with Chairman of the Jordanian Businessmen's

Association Hamdi Tabba'a and said Romanian husinessmen were willing to set up a Jordanian-Romanian business council. The head of the delegation, Mircea Mosora, said

such a council would help stimulate trade between Romania

EXHIBITIONS

* Oil paintings by Yassin Al Mohammadawi at Balad-

* Abstract art by Fadwa Al Nabulsi at the Royal Cul-

Paintings by "Pioneers of the Fifties" Isma'il and

Suzanne Al Sheikhly, Khalid Qassab, and Dr. Nuri

* "Exhibiton of Chinese Products '95," at Al Bassam

* Exhibition demonstrating the developments of cine-

ma over the past century at the French Cultural Cen-

Behjet at Orfali Art Gallery, Umm Utheina.

Hall, King Abdullah Gardens.

Romanian team meets with JBA head

Opposition parties see Jordan as 'fueling' inter-Arab disputes

AMMAN (J.T.) — All II Jordanian opposition parties Wednesday issued a statement calling on the Arab countries to belp end the sanctions imposed on Iraq and expressed surprise at what it said was Jordanian fueling of disputes among Arab countries .

The statement said that the Il parties studied the latest developments and the flight to Jordan hy the former Iraqi Minister of Industry and examined the official Jordanian position vis-a-vis this issue and decided to issue the following four-point statement:

First: The ll parties declare their adherence to their firm stand of demanding an immediate lifting of the embargo on the Iraqi people imposed unjustly by the United States for the past five years.

The opposition parties demand that the Arah governments take immediate steps in response to the cries of Iraqi children to end the sanctions.

Second: The change of regime in any country is not the task of another, and what is happening in Iraq is an internal Iraqi affair and the responsibility of the Iraqi people regardless whether we agree or disagree with its

Experience has proved that interference in internal affairs is bound to fail.

leadership.

Third: Though we welcome in our country any persons seeking political refuge out of brotherly feelings and in line with international laws we do not accept any violation of our hospitality or the use of our country as a

platform for calling for change of the regime in Iraq. This is not our mission and we will never take action

against any Arab country.
Fourth: While the (Jordanian) authority reaffirms its objective of working to regain pan-Arab solidarity, we are surprised to see the government fueling inter-Arab conflicts.

We believe that pan-Arab solidarity should employed to deal with any Zionist - imperialist conspiracies, the statement conclud-

Jordan may import Saudi oil for new refinery

By Jamal Halaby **Associated Press**

AMMAN - Jordan, which imports virtually all its oil from Iraq, hopes to begin receiving supplies from other sources, including Saudi Arabia, when it huilds a Red Sea refinery by the year 2000, the Minister of Energy Samih Darwazeh said Wednesday.

"Once the refinery is completed in five years, we will import oil from any source," Mr. Darwazeh told the Associated Press.

He did not name any country which might supply oil to

But Mr. Darwazeb was

quoted in the Saudi Arabian daily, Al Sharq Al Awsat, Wednesday as saying that Amman was preparing to huy oil from Saudi Arabia for the new refinery, a devel-

opment with deep political significance.

The Kingdom, which has no known oil reserves, has been at odds with neighbouring Saudi Arabia since 1990. Riyadh froze relations when Amman refused to join the anni-Iraq coalition after Iraq invaded Kuwait. then, Jordan Before obtained some of its oil

needs from Saudi Arabia; these were cut off in 1990. Since late 1990, Jordan has depended on Iraq to cover its domestic requirement of 60,000 barrels of

crude and 25,000 barrels of fuel oil daily. The supplies, trucked

across the Kingdom's eastern desert, are exempt from the U.N. trade sanctions imposed on Baghdad after the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait

Jordan gets a discount for some of the oil and the rest

is in settlement of the \$550 million Baghdad has owed Amman since the 1980-88 Iran-Irao war.

Mr. Darwazeh said the \$2 billion refinery at Jordan's only maritime outlet, the Red Sea port of Agaba, 350 kilometres south of Amman, will primarily produce oil derivatives for export.

To do that, it will not be able to use Iraqi oil, because that would violate the U.N. sanctions.

The new refinery would have a planned capacity of 100,000 barrels a day.

The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho has asked Jordan to Supply it with oil products as soon as the Aqaba refinery goes on

Jordan currently has only one refinery at Zarga, 25

stream

kilometres north of Amman. The refinery has a capacity of between 80,000 and 100,000 barrels a day, solely for domestic consumption.

Kingdom The launched a study to determine the feasibility of receiving Iraqi oil through a pipeline instead of by the overland trucking method, which officials say is expensive and hazardous.

Mr. Darwazeb said Iraqi oil supplies have not been affected by the Kingdom's decision to grant asylum to two top-ranking Iraqi officials, who fled to Jordan Aug. 8 along with their wives, Saddam Hussein's daughters.

The official noted that a team of Iraqi experts arrived in the Kingdom last week to assist in drilling for natural gas along the eastern border

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Taiwan: China started guided-missile tests

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan said on Wednesday China had started a new series of missile tests off the north of the island, addine that it was mulling whether to postpone its own military exercise planned for October.

The Defence Ministry was still evaluating whether to postpone the exercise, the state-funded Central News Agency quoted Defence Minister Chiang Chung-Ling

There have been calls for a postponement to avoid a further deterioration in the already severely strained ties with China.

"The (Hua Hsing) exercise will fire no shot and fire no bullet. It is a static exercise," Mr. Chiane was quoted as_saying.

Taiwan has said it would hold the Hua Hsing exercise in southern Taiwan. described as a routine military inspection, before the Oct. 10 national day.

The Defence Ministry said on Wednesday that China's latest guided-missile tests had started on Tuesday.

"Communist planes and frigates had entered the testing area on the first day (Tuesday). They conducted sea and air exercises, including guided-missile tests and

BEIJING (R) — China de-

ported senior activists from

the world environmental

group Greenpeace Wednes-

day after they pulled off a brazen but brief protest in

Tiananmen Square deman-

ding that Beijing end nuclear

testing.
The Greenpeace national

directors from France and

Russia, Penelope Komites

and Sasha Knorre, were put

aboard an Air France flight

to Paris, airline officials said.

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brief protest in Beljing's huge

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Greenpeace activists inter-

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Kong, officials said.

Four other activists de-

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"It conducted air-10-sea, sea-to-air and sea-to-sea artillery firing exercises. In the military level, it does not constitute a direct threat." the statement said. It did not say how many missiles or shells China fired.

The closest exercise spot was 130 kilometres north of Taiwan's northern coast, the statement said.

The testing, due to last until Aug. 25, is the second series of missile tests north of Taiwan in less than a month. China's last missile tests, from July 21 to 26 in the sea north of Taiwan, and the new exercises have triggered widespread concern in Taiwan.

This exercise this time is different from the last time. They have air and sea forces' joint combat exercises in addition to guided-missile tests and artillery firing." Mr. Chiang told journalists after the ruling Nationalist Party's weekly central standing committee meeting.

"The exercise zone is far away from here. It does not have a direct effect on us. We should not panic and please put your heart at ease," Mr. Chiang said.

China has regarded Taiwan

China ejects Greenpeace

anti-nuclear protesters

contract photographers who

were also detained, a Ger-

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not immediately known.

end of a Chinese civil war in 1949. Both governments say they want reunification, but on different terms.

China has threatened to recover the territory if Taiwan declares independence, though the Taiwan government repeatedly says it does not play this.

Bilateral relations soured markedly after Taiwan President Lee Teng Hui's private visit to the United States in June, seen by Beijing as a move to advocate independ-

China's missile tests are seen as a warning to Taiwan to stop efforts to raise its world status, and Taipei officials have said China's aim was to create instability before Taiwan's first direct presidential elections next March, in which Mr. Lee is widely expected to run.

Prime Minister Lien Chan blasted China's latest tests last Saturday, saying they were unscrupulous and intimidating.

On Tuesday, Mr. Lien continued his protest and asked China to exercise self control. while Foreign Minister Fredrick Chien said Taiwan would ask Northeast Asian countries to condemn China over its latest missile tests.

ly began on Tuesday.

Greenpeace activists fear

nuclear testing by China and

France could undermine

moves toward a comprehen-

sive test ban treaty. The

other nuclear powers, the

United States, Britain and

Russia, have halted their test-

ing programmes.
The activists' expulsion

was likely to defuse a poten-

tially embarrassing incident

just weeks before Beijing

hosts its biggest international

gathering - the U.N. World

Conference on Women — but also reinforced Beijing's

firm stance against dissent.

day that China would not

tolerate unauthorised pro-

tests by any of the tens of

thousands of participants in

the women's conference or a

arallel forum of grassroot

women's groups, whether

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Executive Director Thilo Bode said the eight, who had

entered China on tourist

visas, were interrogated by

police for much of Tuesday and moved to a hotel near

Beijing airport late in the

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Officials warned on Tues-



Chinese soldiers handle long-range missiles in this recent file photo released by China News Service

France accused of 'betrayal' over 'barbaric' nuclear tests

BRISBANE, Australia (AFP) — Australia accused France of a "betrayal" Wednesday for its plan to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacifie next month.

And the Pacific island nation of Nauru, calling the test plan "barbaric," said it would break diplomatic relations with Paris if it went ahead

with the Mururoa Atoll tests. France was firmly in the dock here as South Pacific environment ministers met and expressed anger and disappointment at the French

Australian Environment Minister John Faulkner wanted Paris held accountable for any environmental damage to the Pacific or the health of its people since it claimed that the testing was safe. safe. Prime Minister Paul Keat-

ing, one of the most vociferous critics of the French programme, said President Jacques Chirac's actions had created a sense of betrayal in the South Pacifie.

"Betrayal by one of the current nuclear powers which had only recently pledged to exercise "the utmost restraint" in testing, betrayal by a democracy, a betrayal of all hopes all of us fell with the end of the cold war...'

He said "we are opposed... to this single, bad decision, and we want to see it changed."

Nauru President Bernard Dowiyogo told the gathering his nation of 9.000 people was prepared to pay the diplomatic cost of a break with France. In an emotionally charged speech he said Mr. Chirac's decision was "barbaric and environmentally harmful."

Another tiny Pacific island nation. Tuvalu, a group of nine atolls north of Fiji, also lashed France. Deputy Pre-mier Onnielu Tausi called on the world community to "cause France to stop the malicious and systematic destruction of the pillars of our very existence, the inheritance our forefathers handed

South American countries on the Pacific also plan to They quoted from a Scienhold a ministerial meeting next month to consider joint

Australia, Fernando Zegers Santa-Cruz said. There was short-lived relief for France and some red faces among the Australians when a top Australian scientists said the nuclear tests could not have a significant impact on the health of Paci-

opposition to the French

tests, Chile's ambassador to

fic island peoples.

Professor Helen Garnet, director of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, told a media briefing that the amount of radioactivity underground was just one per cent of the amount of radioactivity created by atmospheric tests. The impact on health and people in the Pacific is not likely to be

significant." she said. But her remarks elicited a swift "clarification" from Au-

stralia which said there had

been confusion between "bealth and environmental

tific Advisory Group report submitted to the meeting behind closed doors which said that the testing programme had had an "adverse environmental impact," notably physical damage to the atoll, including fissures, subsidence and submarine landslides.

It said leakage of radioactivity from Mururoa was highly probable. But it said the effects... "on the health of the population of Mururoa, nearby inhabited islands, and the population of French Polynesia, are uncertain. However the effects are likely to be small and limited to Mururoa and nearby island ecosystems."

Mr. Chirac meanwhile has written to national leaders in Asia, the Pacific and Latin America confirming his pledge to ban all nuclear tests, including small ones, from late next year.

Meanwhile, police laun-

ched a hunt for three student

leaders, including Chung

Tae-Hung of Korea Universi-

issued for the three on

charges of leading illegal pro-

tests and sending two stu-

dents to the North for the

pro-unification rally in viola-

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Prosecution anthorities

earlier dropped a case filed

by activists and relatives of

the victims of the Kwangju

uprising against Chun and Roh, which claimed that the

two presidents' lack of com-

petence made them responsi-

But the decision triggered

a wave of protests across the

country, spearheaded by uni-

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on appeals urging that the

two be indicted in connection

More than 4,000 professors

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National Security Law.

Arrest warrants were

tial Blue House.

Diana breaks down over sons' holiday

LONDON (R) - Princess Diana broke down and sobbed for 10 minutes at her health club after her children left for a holiday with their father, Prince Charles, the Sun newspaper reported. The princess of Wales had to be comforted by staff at the exclusive Harbour Club after she burst into tears while working out on a running machine, the mass-selling newspaper said. The paper said Diana's crying fit happened three weeks agor just after her sons Prince William 13, and Prince Harry, 10, left for a holiday with the prince of Wales in Greece. A 'tired' Clinton

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ing (AFP) — President Bill Clinton kieked off a long-awaited vacation Tuesday, arriving in this western U.S. state "tired" and ready to. "play a little golf, but mostly just try to rest." "You've got to do it. you've got to let go; the president told a small group of journalists aboard the presidential jet, Air Force One, which took him from Washington to scenic Jackson Hole in the famous Teton mountains. The president, along with First Lady the Jackson Hole residence of Senator Jay Rockefeller a fellow Democrat from the state of West Virgina. They will be joined later by their daughter. Chelsea. Asked what he would do on the trip. Mr. Clinton said: "I'm going to lie down, I'm tired." The president then said he also planned to "hike, ride borses (and) read." Numerous political, media and business personalities have homes in Jackson Hole, a ritzy tourist locale in the United States, The Clinton's spent their first two vacations, in 1993 and 1994, in Martha's Vineyard, a vacation island on the north-

east U.S. coast. Girl, 13, married off as substitute

KAMPALA (R) - A I3year-old Ugandan girl was forced to marry her elder sister's thusband to be after the bride eloped hours before a traditional marriage ceremony, a Ugandan newspaper reported on Wednesday. The monitor said that relatives of Minisa Mukyala hnrriedly arranged her marriage after, age was not given, ran off with a soldier who danced with her as she waited for the bridegroom. The incident took place last month in the eastern district of Iganga, the newspaper said. Ugandan laws do not permit marriage or sexual relations with girls under 18 year old and the offence is punishable by life imprisonment. But the main Bumali Katibu, a businessman at the Kenya-Uganda border post of Busia, insisted he would keep his bride, the monitor said. Katibu's age

was not given. 1948 Monroe disc to go on block

LONDON (AFP) — A 78 rpm recording of a winsome love ballad cut in 1948 by an unknown 22-year-old actress named Marilyn Monroe goes on the block here next month, expected to fetch up to £10.000 (\$16,000). The pilot record, never released; was recorded by Monroe under the litle, "How Wrong Can I Be?" while she was still struggling up the show busic ness ladder, said Sotheby's auctioneers. It lay dormant for nearly 30 years among a pile of old 12-inch 78s until the anonymous owner, when inherited them from his father, noticed the hand written label: Fred Karger at the piano. Many Klein on the trumpet, vocal by Marilyn Monroe." Sotheby 5 said the disc was in good

Few Czechs support women in senior posts

Czechs say women are best suited for high government posts, although most believe they should have more in volvement in public office, an opinion poll reported Tuesday. Only 17 per cent of 1.000 men and women swin veyed agreed that a position in parliament or the cabinef was the most suitable public role for women. The survey by the state institute for the research of public opinion (IVVM) showed that 75 per cent of Czechs said "it would?

Tigers kill 10 Tamil

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger guer-rillas have executed 10

They remained under police guard overnight but said they were not mistre-.Five Greenpeace leaders said Wednesday.
The rebel Liberation Timanaged to unfurl a bright yellow protest banner in

Tiananmen Square demanding that China halt its nuclear testing programme. Within seconds, police ripped the banner down and detained the five and three

Several Greenpeace activists slipped away and flew out of China and provided television and still images of the protest to international news A traditional magnet for

dissent, Tiananmen has seen few protests since June 1989. The LTTE's July 28 assault when the army crushed student-led pro-democracy demonstrations. Also among those being deported were Ann Ding-

> The Tigers blamed their failure on a "spy" tipping off the military and since then have been continuing a witch hunt in areas under the control in the island's north.

SEOUL (AFP) — Hundreds of riot police on Wednesday tear-gassed and swooped on a the grounds of nearby Dongcrowd of 5,000 radicals ralguk University and battled sporadically with police at the lying bere to press for the prosecution of former militcampus entrance.

Several protestors were

an evident reaction to the savage beating with iron pipes that student radicals had inflicted on a squad of riot police Tuesday which left 60 police injured, 20 of them

clashes were triggered by activists trying to symbolically march to the border with North Korea to attend a banned rally called by the North. Wednesday's violence

rally at a public park to prevent a planned street march to the former presidents'

ate with metal pipes and stones, then took refuge on

ary generals-turned presidents for the 1980 Kwangju

The violent crackdown was

dissidents

Tamils opposed to their movement, which has launched an organised campaign to weed out suspected spies, travellers from the region

gers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) killed the 10 men from April onwards in their northern Jaffna peninsula stronghold and later informed the relatives of the victims travellers

They said the LTTE bad also launched a search for alleged spies who had tipped off Sri Lankan security forces about a major LTTE attack against a military complex in the island's northeast last

against the Weli Oya military facility ended in disaster with the rebels losing over 300 of their men and women fighters while the army lost only

S. Korean police break up rally over Kawangju massacre access roads to the presiden-

The police had earlier said

they would allow Wednes-

day's rally at Changchung

Park, and the subsequent

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Rob, the students said they

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The rally was jointly orga-

nised by human rights activ-

ists and students to press for

the prosecution of former

Presidents Chun Doo-Hwan

and Roh Tae-Woo, accused

of ordering the bloody crack-

down of the 1980 popular

uprising in the southwestern

provincial city of Kwangju.

riot policemen bad been de-

ployed in the city centre and

outside the residences of Mr.

Police said some 15,000

test rally.

'arrest" Mr. Chun and Mr.

anyone using violence.

chocked by tear-gas and fainted, while others were bleeding from cuts on their heads sustained by police-truncheons, an AFP photographer on the scene said. Some 100 protestors were arrested.

seriously. Tuesday's student-police

erupted when 600 riot police firing tear-gas moved into a

The students tried to retali-

Chun and Mr. Roh and at Felix hits Bermuda, heads towards U.S.

MANTEO, North Carolina (AP) - Thousands of residents and tourists were ordered to evacuate two North Carolina islands Tuesday as Hurricane Felix held a course directly towards the U.S. mainland after pummeling Bermuda.

Pounding surf thundered all along the U.S. East Coast, forcing lifeguards to close beaches to swimmers. Three people had died in the surf since the weekend. No injuries were reported in Ber-

The heart of the unusually wide storm was 360 miles (580 kilometres) eastsoutheast of the North Carolina coast at 5 p.m. (2100 GMT) Tuesday, moving toward the west-northwest at near 16 mph (26 kph).

Tropical storm-force wind of at least 39 mph (62 kph) could hit the outer banks, a chain of coastal islands, around sunrise Wednesday, with the eye making landfall around sundown, said Steve Harned of the National Weather Service in Raleigh.

The hurricane warning area extended from South Carolina to northern Virginia. A hurricane watch - a less severe form of advisory than a warning - was in effect for coastal areas of South Carolina, Maryland and Delaware on either side of the warning area.

"This storm is very big and widespread," said Tom Ditt. North Carolina State Emergency Management spokesman. "It's going to hit everywhere along the coast in some degree."

Greek Greenpeace activists wear Chinese bakka

hats with the nuclear power sign painted on the top, as they sit chained to each other in front of the Chinese embassy in Athens Wednesday to protest Beijing's plans to hold nuclear tests and its deportation of Greenpeace activists (Reuters photo)

to put on trial the patriarch of

News Agency (VNA) said.

Buddhists, including UBCV

Do, who were sentenced

Vietnam to try Buddhist patriarch Tuesday in Ho Chi Minh City .HANO! (AFP) — Vietnam is

offenses related to state a dissident Buddhist ehurch, a report said Wednesday, a day after six members of the Mr. Do was sentenced to group were sentenced for five years jail after protesting sabotaging religious solidarthe arrest of followers who ity."
Thich Huyen Quang, head organised an unofficial flood relief mission to the Mekong of the United Buddbist Delta and writing a letter of complaint to Communist Par-Church of Vietnam, and Thich Long Tri, the group's ty General Secretary Do

after being found guilty of

third ranking official, were named as the latest defen-Mr. Quang and Mr. Tri dants, the official Vietnam will "be tried by courts in the provinces of Quang Ngai and Quangnam-Danang" in cen-tral Vietnam, VNA said, The agency said they were involved in the cases of six without giving details of dates

number two Thich Quang or specific charges. Security Officials in

Quangnam-Danang said they had received the files on the two Buddhist leaders to carry out further enquiries. A public prosecutor in Ho

wall, a Canadian who repre-

sents Greenpeace in Britain. Bill Keller, an American who

directs its U.S. West Coast

office and Ilaraid Zindler, a

German, who is a longtime

Greenpeace leader.

Chi Minh City said Mr. Quang and Mr. Tri were accused of masterminding a campaign by Thich Quang Do "aimed at sabotaging the politics of national solidar-

The UBCV has consistently refused to join the statesanctioned Buddhist Church, angering Communist Party leaders who have tried to bring all religious under tight control.

According to international human rights groups, Mr.

Quang, 77, has been under house arrest in his Quang Ngai province pagoda since December. The monk, who suffers from high blood pressure, went on hunger strike to protest the arrest of the five who organised the relief mis-

Officials in Hanoi have denied that Mr. Quang was beld but have consistently refused his followers and others access to the patriarch.

Along with Mr. Do, three other Buddhists were jailed Tuesday in Ho Chi Minh City - Thick Khong Tanh for five years, Thich Nhat Ban for four years and Thich Tri Luc for two and a half years.

also jailed - Nhat Thoung for three years and Dong Ngoc, a woman, was given a suspended sentence of two VNA said all those sentenced will be pnt on proba-

The agency said they are also accused of having printed and distributed documents by foreign reactionary forces aimed at incit-

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after their release.

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In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the sentences are "certainly unwelcome.'

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ROUND-THE-WORLD-RECORD: Air France personnel stand around the Concorde attempting to beat the round-the world speed record during a stopover in Toulouse, where the supersonic plane was originally built. The

plane, which left New York at 15.53 GMT Tuesday, will make five more stopovers before its late Wednesday arrival in New York. The flight was expected to take 33 hours and 44 minutes (AFP photo)

Kashmiri separatists who beheaded a Norwegian hostage do not appear to have carried comrades. News reports said India

out a threat to kill four other Western captives, an Indian official said Wednesday. The Al Faran militants contacted Indian negotiators again on Wednesday to dis-

cuss the situation, the official said, indicating that the door to a settlement may still be "In the absence of any adverse report, we presume

the four hostages are still safe," said the official, Kulbushan Jandial, the director of information in Jammu-Kashmir state. On Sunday, authorities found the beheaded body of the fifth hostage, Norwegian Hans Christian Ostro, and a

ing to kill the four other captives in two days. Mr. Jandial's news conference was the first official comment indicating that Al Faran bad not carried out its

note from Al Faran threaten-

"This development is significant," said Mr. Jandial, who refused to give details on

threat.

the negotiation Wednesday SRINAGAR, India (AP) or the militants' demand that India free 15 of their jailed

> was offering to trade some imprisoned militants for the safe release of the hostages, but not the guerrilla com-manders that the kidnappers had demanded.

But Mr. Jandial refused to confirm that India was reconsidering its publiely stated position that no one would be released for the hostages.

He also declined to say wbether the kidnappers had extended the deadline. Top Indian officials have been contacted by Al Faran

many times since the crisis began, "sometimes through a mediator and sometimes noi," Mr. Jandial said Wednesday. For the first time in their

five-year struggle for inde-pendence, Kashmiris beld a general strike against a militant group on Wednesday, urging the previously un-known Al Faran to free its four captives: An American,

two Britons and a German. Since the kidnappings be-

gan July 4. Al Faran has released statements, audiocassettes of their captives, and pictures showing several of them looking sick or wounded. But the repel group hasn't contacted the media in Srinagar for a week.

Kashmir hostages appear to be safe

But an autopsy on Mr. Ostro's remains showed that he had been in good health when he was killed. There also were no signs of a struggle, indicating that he may bave been killed quickly in his sleep, said Andrew Reekea, a British doctor who witnessed the autopsy in New

In Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir state, the general strike called by a coalition of 32 prorebel political or refigious groups to condemn Al Faran elosed government offices, banks, schools and most of the city's shops and businesses.

The all-party Freedom Movement bas repeatedly criticised Al Faran since it claimed responsibility for the kidnappings.

Many people were seen walking down streets of Srinagar on Wednesday, riding in auto-ricksbaws, or shopping in dozens of small stores or pharmacies that opened to sell food or medicine. But the majority of residents stayed home.

"Our bearts are bleeding for the hostages. We don't know who Al Faran is, but we hope its barbarity hasn't hurt our cause," said M. A. Dar, a businessman.

Mr. Dar, who had left his home to buy medicine for his daughter at a local pharmacy, said he supported the strike and would immediately return bome and stay there all

In a separate interview. Omar Faroog, chairman of the all-party Freedom Movement, condemned Al Faran and urged the world to disassociate it with Kashmir's struggle for independence.

'Al Faran bas given a terrorist reputation to our movement and that's the last thing we want," Mr. Farooq said at his home. "We don't believe in terrorism, fundamentalism or killing innocent people. We are the ones suffering under India's occupation."

Judge in Simpson trial may withdraw

"LOS ANGELES (R) — Af-ter seven months of testimony, the judge in the O.J. Simpson murder trial now faces his most controversial decision yet - whether to withdraw from the case and possibly derail it altogether. In a bizarre turn of events that plunged the so-called

trial of the century" into "turmoil on Tuesday, Prosecufor Marcia Clark somberly asked Judge Lance Ito to remove himself from the case and turn it over to another

At issue, Ms. Clark contended, was whether Mr. Ito could rule impartially on matters related to detective Mark Fubrman, a controversial prosecution witness, after learning he had made disparaging remarks about the

Ms. Clark said Ito's complete withdrawal was "the only road to take" because of the potential conflict of interest, but defence attorneys accused prosecutors of trying to force a mistrial and said they would fight to keep Mr.

Ito on the case. Mr. Ito ordered both sides to submit written arguments and said he would make a decision on Wednesday. If he steps aside, it would force a long delay and could put the entire trial at risk. legal

analysts say. The focus of the day's emotional session was a series of audiotapes in which Mr. Fuhrman allegedly derided blacks as "niggers." spoke of police planting evidence and made derogatory references about Mr. Ito's wife, Captain Margaret York, the highestranking woman in the Los

Angeles Police Department. Mr. Fuhrman, who made the comments in taped interviews conducted over the past 10 years with a North Carolina-based screenwriter, is the detective who found a bloody glove at Mr. Simpson's estate the morning after the June 12, 1994, murders of the former American football-

star's wife and her friend. Mr. Simpson's attorneys have accused Mr. Fuhrman of being a racist who framed the black eelebrity, but in earlier trial testimony, he denied planting the glove and said he had not used the racial slur "nigger" anytime

in the past decade. The defence team contends that Mr. Fuhrman committed perjury and they want to play the tapes for the mostly black

jury.
With jurors absent from the courtroom, Mr. Ito ruled that another jurist, Judge John Reid, would make the critical decision on the admissibility of the tapes and whether the judge's wife might be called by the prosecution to rebut Mr. Fuhrman's taped remarks.

"I love my wife dearly and I am wounded by criticism of her." Mr. Ito said, his voice choked with emotion, as millions of T.V. viewers looked on. He said he wanted to avoid even the appearance of

unfairness. While some analysts said Mr. Ito faces a lough decision, Loyola Law School Professor Stan Goldman said it was "silly" for him to even consider bowing out.

Chechen team returns unexpectedly to peace talks

MOSCOW (R) - Chechenya's chief separatist negotiator returned unexpectedly to the capital Grozny Wednesday calling for peace talks to resume with Russia, despite strains over disarming the rebel forces.

ITAR-TASS news agency said Khozhakhmed Yerikhanov had come back to Grozny even though he bad called for a two-day break in talks on Tuesday after Russia threatened to crack down on the separatists if they did not disarm immediately. Some Chechen rebels were

Wednesday but there was no immediate confirmation that the disarmament was going "I hope the process of talks

due to start disarming later

He refused to say whether be had carried out plans to consult rebel leader

He said he planned to get

in touch with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and chief Russian negotiator Vyacheslav Mikhailov, who are in Moscow, but gave no details of what they would,

The Russian government threatened tough measures against the separatists Monday after they failed to accept Moscow's terms on how to carry out a military deal signed July 30. The government ultima-

tum was followed Tuesday by a strongly-worded statement from President Boris Yeltsin. He threatened to resort to force to disarm the rebels, raising fears of a flare-up in fighting which began eight months ago. "If there is no answer to

will continue despite all obstacles," Mr. Yerikhanov the statement by the Russian government, or if there is an answer which does not satisfy us, then we will take special. extraordinary and energetic measures, including military Dzhokhar Dudayev over the measures," Mr. Yeltsin said

Chechen chief of staff ties at talks.

Aslan Maskhadov refused Monday to sign a protocol proposed by the Russian government to agree mechanisms for implementing the military deal. But he said he would adbere to the basic

Mr. Maskhadov and Lieutenant-General Anatoly Romanov, the Russian military commander in Chechenya, agreed on Tues-day to start disarming the rebels - the key provision of the military agreement — in several locations of the North Caucasus region.

TASS said Mr. Romanov and Mr. Maskhadov met at nine a.m. (0500 GMT) in the village of Zandak some 60 kilometres southwest of Grozny, Bul there were oo reports, that disarming had

'Mr. Romanov made clear on Tuesday he was reluctant to allow the renewal of hostilities, despite all the difficul-

Sao Tome rebels want poll in 3 months

SAO TOME (R) — Military coup leaders in the African twin-island state of Sao Tome and Principe asked political parties Wednesday to join a transitional government to prepare for general elections in three months.

A military official told reporters the coup leaders made the suggestion in a meeting with leaders of the three main political parties. including those of the ousted president and prime minister.

The response of the Party of Democratic Action of deposed President Miguel Trovoada, the Movement for the Freedom of Sao Tome and Principe of deposed Prime Minister Carlos Graca and the Party of Democratic Convergence were not immediately known.

Mr. Trovoada and Mr. Graca remained in detention Wednesday. 24 hours after rebel soldiers seized Sao Tome's media, telecommunications and airport in a bloodless coup d'etat.

A five-man commission of

young army officers took control of Sao Tome in protest at the country's extreme DOVERTY

On Tuesday, the self-styled leader of the commission. Lieutenant Manuel Ouintas de Almeida, told Reuters: We want to recover the dienity of the country and contribute to the elimination of the problems which persist in the country."

Sao Tome is a former Portuguese colony situated 200 kilometres off the coast of Gabon, with a population of

Portuguese TSF Radio quoted coup leaders as saying that both Trovoada and Graca had rejected an offer from the coup leaders to join their self-styled National Salvation Council because they were representatives of a legitimately-elected govern-

ment. Portuguese President Mario Soares has offered political asylum to Mr. Trovoada, the Portuguese news agency LUSA reported. Por-



Recent photos of Sao Tome President Miguel Trovoada (L) and Prime Minister Carlos Grace

tugal has condemned the LUSA quoted a source in the president's office as saying late Tuesday that Soares had told coup leaders

by telephone that Portugal would accept Mr. Trovoada, Angola said it was prel pared to offer political asylum to the ousted leaders of



bearing in mind the coopera tion links between Angola and Sao Tome, his government is entirely willing to grant asylum to Miguel Trovoada and Carlos Graca if it is deemed necessary," Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos' office said in a statement.

Dos Santos' made his re-Sao Tome and Principe. marks in Brazil whe on a five-day visit. marks in Brazil where he is

Armenia's leading opposition party goes underground

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) - Armenia's main opposition party, Dashnak, says it is going back underground to avoid political persecution by

the government.
Working underground is not new for Dashnak, which was born as a clandestine organisation in 1890 to fight for a united, independent

Armenia. The party's leaders issued a tatement carried by local news agencies Monday saying

they were "forced to end our efforts to operate legally, because of government

persecutinn. In January, the suspended the party's registration, accusing several of its members of terrorism. The party was barred from taking part in the July 4 parliamentary elections.

The arrest of party leader spurred Dashnak to decide to go underground, the state-

Mr. Oguncsyan and several other activists were arrested on suspicion of planning attacks on leading politicians. Mr. Oganesyan faces charges of high treason and a possible

death sentence. Other party members have been detained in the past several months on charges of terrorism, drug dealing and subversive activities.

Dashnak has spent most of its political life underground.



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Worrisome words and deals

ISRAELI PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin laid down a few days ago his vision for peace with the Palestinians. He told his countrymen that the ultimate agreement with the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) would entail the fulfilment of three Israeli primary conditions: The permanent retention of the terrain adjacent to the Jordan River on the West side, the continuous occupation and control of the hilly areas of "Judea and Samaria," meaning the West Bank, and finally the keeping of the whole of Jerusalem as the "united, eternal" capital of the state

We presume that the prime minister disclosed exactly what was on his mind regarding the final settlement with the Palestinians, and on that basis we have to question his territorial vision for the future. We might recall that it was Rabin himself who agreed with the Palestinians and the other Arab parties that Jerusalem's status will be determined in the third and final stage of negotiations with the PNA. With this in mind we have to ask how on the one hand Israel agrees to discuss the ultimate status of the holy city at a future date and on the other hand its prime minister states in the most unequivocal terms that his country would never relinquish East Jerusalem to the Arab

As for Rabin's insistence that Israel should control the hills of "Judea and Samaria" come what may, we also see a big problem there since those areas constitute a sizeable chunk of the West Bank territory from which Israel had committed itself to withdraw in accordance with U.N. Security Council resolutions and international legitimacy. Both the Madrid conference and the peace talks that ensued from it stipulate that the basis of all peace negotiations between the two sides should be Resolution 242. The same perspective applies equally to the Jordan Valley area which Rabin wants to keep. Resolution 242 clearly defines these as occupied territories from which Israel should withdraw.

Of course we can always presume that statements by Israeli leaders are mere negotiating tactics or are made to appease the anti-peace elements within Israel itself. We all know the coalition of Jewish settlers and right-wing extremists are determined to derail the Oslo accord and frustrate the hopes for an early redeployment of the Israeli army in the West Bank. But when such announcements as made by the Israeli prime minister are viewed in conjunction with what his Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has also been saying (namely that Israel will retain up to 73 per cent of the Palestinian territories in addition to full control over water sources in these areas, according to the latest agreement struck between Israel and Mr. Arafat), then we have grounds to be more than concerned about the course of the Israeli-Palestinian talks and their effect on the entire peace regime in the Middle East.

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ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A WRITER in Al Ra'i daily said Wednesday that the Iraqis are in need of real assistance from the Arab World and not mere lip service or expression of sympathy over the grave and deteriorating living conditions in their country. Tareq Masarweh said that the opposition, which lives off the limited backing from foreign countries, is unable to bring about any change in the regime in Particular about any change in the regime in Baghdad, nor are the Iraqis interested in substituting their present regime with one resembling the Kurdish model in the north of the country. What the Iraqis need, said the writer, is all-out support from the Arab states for ending the sanctions that have caused so much sufferings to them. What the Iraqis need now is an end of American threats to their security and the future of their children and their national economy, continued the writer. It is the Arab states which hold the key to ending the embargo on Iraq, he said. He said if the Arabs are able to make peace with the Zionists, they must be able to find peace with the Iraqi Arab people.

A WRITER in Ai Dustour Wednesday urged Arab governments to view the Arab World's interests from a national perspective and refrain from helping the Zionists achieve their ends. Taher Al Adwan said that the Arab regimes ought to wake up to the fact that it is Israel, not Iraq, which poses a threat to the Arab Nation's interests and that it is Israel which continues to judaise the city of Jerusalem in total disregard of Arabs' and Muslims' feelings. It is Israel which insists on occupying the Jordan Valley, keeping the Synan Golan Heights and committing atrocities against the Arabs, while it continues to possess mass destruction weapons to threaten the Arab people.

The View from Academia

By Dr. Ahmad Y. Maidoubeh

A habit which we should curb

AS REALISATION of the dangers caused by smoking mounts worldwide, in light of both old and new facts, most countries are nowadays imposing tougher restrictions on smokers and smoking. Even though our society has taken some significant steps to the direction of curbing the effects of the unhealthy habit on smokers and nonsmokers, we still need to cover much more territory than we already have.

We all know the risks and threats to bealth and life which smoking brings with it. In a recent report, the World Health Organisation (WHO) affirms that three million deaths occur each year worldwide as a result of smokingrelated diseases. The fact that smoking is a major cause of heart attacks and cancer is too well-known to be highlighted, and so is the fact that nonsmokers who share the same space with smokers, for longer or for shorter periods of time, have almost as much to suffer and lose (health-wise, that is) as the heavy smokers themselves.

But some recently disclosed facts about smoking are causing a stir, especially in the U.S. Almost everyone knows of the war which has been going on for some time now between the many anti-smoking groups in the U.S. and the tobacco companies and of the suits which have been brought against these companies. The American Medical Association (AMA) has entered the battlefield. The AMA, which in a statement released recently describes the tobacco firms (in angry language) as "preda-tory," has disclosed that for more than 30 years the U.S. tobacco companies have known and deliberately concealed research results which prove that nicotine is an addictive drug and that smoking is a direct cause of cancer.

While this may not come as much of a surprise to many people and while some people may not be particularly disturbed or alarmed by the AMA disclosure, many in the U.S. are in fact disturbed, alarmed and angry. And they are quite right. For one thing, the mere act of concealments (deliberate concealment, we should remind) is itself incriminating. Just as the dairy companies (and others) are expected to publish in detail the various facts about their products (not only that this bottle contains, for example, skim milk, low-fat milk or ordinary milk, but also bow much fat, cholesterol, sodium, carbohydrate, fiber, sugar, protein, vitamin and calcium there is in it), so do the tobacco companies. They are supposed to reveal all the facts, in boning detail, so that people know precisely what

they are getting into.

For another thing, if nicotine is an addictive drug; what is the difference between it and the other addictive substances (such as marijuana, crack, etc.) which the U.S. government is waging a war against? In fact, what is the difference, ultimately, between the tobacco companies and drug smugglers and traffickers?

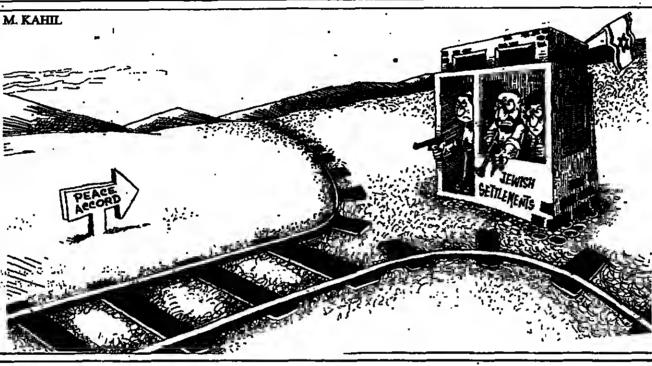
In our society, we still bave a long way to go in fighting smoking and minimising its effects on the guilty party themselves (i.e. you smokers) and the innocent segments of the population. I believe that, following the example of many countries, we ought to impose more restrictions on smoking in all public buildings and facilities, io all restaurants, at all our schools and universities, on all means of transporation and so forth. In a society like ours which (unfortunately) can be often reckless, beedless to advice and ignorant of facts of hazard or danger — the imposition of restrictions has to go without saying. Needless to say, we ought to publicise more devotedly than we have been the various specific facts about smoking and encourage people more aggressively to quit smoking. I know, of course, that many anti-smoking groups exist in our part of the world (both locally and nationally) and that they are doing an excellent job. Nevertheless, they need to be a little more daring, aggressive and creative in their

As for smokers who choose not to quit, even after they know the fact, it is their right to smoke. And it is a right which should be respected and protected. Even many of the anti-smoking groups in the U.S. and Europe are making it clear that what they want is not an all-out ban on smoking but tougher restrictions. An anti-smoking activist has said: "I am ready to fight for the right of smokers to smoke the minute I feel their rights are threatened. It is their right to smoke. But they should do it when and where

they do not endanger the health of others."

The purpose of tougher restrictions on smoking is double: They protect nonsmokers against the hazards posed by smoking, and they (by making smoking a little less convenient and life a little more difficult for smokers) encourage those who are addicted to the habit to quit. I

think this is only fair.



A peril of progress: Civilisation can be tyrants' best ally

Gottingen, Germany -Tyrants, madmen and power hungry dictators around the world are rediscovering an old truth: that the progress of civilisation can be evil's ally. Ruling, as they do, over subjects kept in their place by fear and fanaticism, they learn that as long as their supply of easily mobilised subjects lasts, they can terrorise, torture, maim and rape with impunity and yet be honoured by another invitation to negotiate.

A few months before the Nazis seized power in Germany in 1933, in response to a request from Albert Einstein, who was trying to rally "men of intellect" against war. Sigmund Freud wrote a letter on the subject of aggression and war.

In it, he said that the progress of civilisation was bestowing on man a sensibility so delicate as to raise hopes that in the future war might become increasingly unlikely:
"We simply can't stomach it anymore." he wrote.

In his view, civilised man was becoming too thin-skinned for an activity as repugnant as war. As a psychologist, Freud could content himself with examining the results of civilisation over the long run, when it had worked its wonders on all the peoples of this

earth.

For an assessment of the effects of civilisation in the meantime, you have to turn to someone less prone to wishful thinking. Here is Rousseau: "As the conveniences of life are multiplied, as the arts are perfected and luxury spreads, true courage fades, the military vir-

tues vanish, and this is the world of the sciences and all those arts, which secretly exert their influence in governmental chambers.

"When the Goths ravaged Greece, they refrained from burning all the libraries because one of them said that they ought to leave their enemies in possession of something that was so effective in turning them away from military exercises and diverting them with idle and sedentary occupations.

Charles VIII became

master of Tuscany and the Kingdom of Naples almost without having drawn his sword, and his whole court attributed the unexpected ease of his success to the fact that the monarchs and noblemen of Italy were more concerned with cultivating wit and learning than with training themselves to be warriors. In fact... experience has always shown that in military matters and everything similar to them, study of the sciences tends much more to make men soft and effeminate than to stir and strengthen their courage.

"The Romans admitted that military viture had declined among them in proportion as they became connoisseurs in painting, sculpture and the art of the goldsmith, and began cultivating the fine arts."

And with refinement. in the arts comes increased property to worry about, as Tocqueville knew: "The ever-increasing number of men of property devoted to peace, the growth of personal property which war so rapidly devours.

mildness of mores, gentleness of heart... all these causes act together to damp down warlike fervor.

Yet. Tocqueville continued, "war is a hazard to which all nations are subject, democracies as well as the rest."

"No matter how greatly such nations may be devoted to peace, they must be ready to defend themselves," he wrote.

Civilised nations, it seems, find themselves in a dilemma. While their natural inclinations and tastes run towards peace and tranquillity, they become increasingly. vulnerable to tyrants who are untroubled by the thought of sending battalion after battalion to certain death if it will advance their gamble for power and glory.

Thus it becomes difficult for a civilised nation to know the line between love of peace and cowardice in the face of tyranny, between Freud's aesthetic indignation and Rousseau's realism.

It seems to me that the burden of demarcating that fine but vitally important line falls upon the leaders of the civilised world.

If they respond to atrocity by calling for another conference, if they appear to put a higher priority on the strategy of their reelection campaign than on the strategy of an effective military campaign to stop the slaughter of innocents, they are doing more than gambling with

the lives of those people. They are also gambling with justice and morality, the very soul of democratic nations. No free people can, year af-

ter year, passively endure horrific crime, carried out in front of cameras and other media, without turning callous, indifferent and cynical.

From the news channel, reporting torture and abuse of innocent people, to the sports channel, with cameras trained on the calming green of a golf tournament, is, after all, only a click.

To all this our leaders respond that, when it comes to making war, we must listen to the voice of reason so we don't repent at leisure. True enough. But there is no decision about war without a moral basis, and there is no morality without intuitive feelings of justice and injustice being engaged.

In questions of war and peace, prudence is the first duty of a civilised nation. But what the leaders of democratic nations need to keep in mind, too, is that the voice of morality and idealism that demands putting an end to injustice and atrocity, if need be by force, cannot be silenced with impunity forever.

When, encouraged by all this well-argued passivity, a bigger tyrant tries his hand at testing our martial temper, leaders trying to rally citizens to the fight for liberty and justice may find their people deaf on that ear. Or maybe be just switching channels.

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Five million Arabs who don't exist

Arafat and Peres may come to an agreement but that will not bring peace

By Robert Fisk

IN THE Beit Agron, the Israeli equivalent of a ministry of information, a new brochure can be found on the shelves for visitors who need some statistics about the region. Produced by the Israeli Foreign Ministry, it states that Israel s "bordered by Lebanon in the north, Syria to the northeast, Jordan in the east, Egypt to the south-west..." At no point does the document suggest that there is an occupied Palestinian Arab land between occupied Jerusalem and Jordan. It does not even suggest that Gaza, which very definitely lies between Israel and Egypt, exists. Nor does the word "Palesti-

nian" appear in the text. Indeed, an Israeli official explained to the Independent recently that Palesti-nian Arabs were not incinded in the document's population figure of 5,238,000 inhabiting the area between Lebanon. Syria, Jordan and Egypt. He took it for granted, however, that the 1,958,000 interphone substitute 1,958,000 interphone substitut telephone subscribers listed in the document included Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza. Thus are the Palestinians whose future will decide peace or war in the Middle East — depicted by the Israeli foreign ministry: as telephone subscribers, but not as people. This symbolises all too well the nearschizoid attitude which many — though thankful-ly, not all — Israelis demonstrate towards those with whom they apparently

wish to be friends. When yet another PLO-Israeli signature was hourly expected, Gaza had been Israelis, this time because they objected to statements made there by opponents of

the "peace process". You only have to read the Jerusalem Post to comprehend this irreconcilable approach to peace. News reports on the front page record without comment the endless and inevitably vain meetings between the Israeli Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres, and Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, to maintain the "peace process" after more than a year of delays. Yet feature articles on inside pages talk of Palestinian "terrorism" and the steadfastness of Jewish settlers to cling to land that has been appropriated (for which read "stolen") from its Arab owners.

And while the belt of

Jewish settlements continues to be built around Arab East Jerusalem, CNN — at its most journalistically biased — refers to the conflict between the Arabs, who are losing their land and the lews, who are taking it as "conflicting heritage claims"; all the while, of course, claiming that the "peace process" is "back oo track", even when it is palp-ably collapsing. In the West Bank, Israeli plain-clothes squads continue to shoot down Palestinian "terrorists" while another group of "terrorists" - Jewish this time — regularly opens fire on the Jerusalem home of Faisal Husseini, one of the most distinguished senior PLO officials.

Wilhin a week Husseini's, house has recently came under fire three times from Israelis brandishing pistols and Uzi sub-machine guns, provoking the U.S. consul. Ed Abington, to issue a highly unusual statement.
"I do not understand why the (Israeli) government does not curb those who cross over the line of civil disobedience," he said. "Where is law and order?... If a Palestinian did this (to

an Israeli), you know what the reaction would be." And, of course, we do know what the reaction would be. For Yasser Arafat himself is now under increasing pressure to treat not just militant Palestinian

groups but any Palestinian opposed to the American-Israeli peace with equal with a clutch of intelligence services, secret courts and a set of press laws that, in effect, ban freedom of speech in local Palestinian newspapers, the PLO lead-er, who once claimed that Palestine would be the first real democracy in the Arab World, is rapidly turning into another Israeli satrap, as frightening and as weak as General Antoine Lahd, the cashiered Lebanese army officer who runs "security" at the other end

of Israel. Just as Gen. Lahd was reduced to claiming that his presence in Israeli-occupied sonthern Lebanon "relieved the worst effects of the Israeli presence," so Mr. Arafat's men are saying the same thing. Which would the Palestinians rather have in Gaza?" one of them asked me recently.

"The Israeli occupation of a year ago? Or the PLO's presence now?"

That the PLO should now promote itself as an alternative to Israeli rule rather than the aspiration of all Palestinians in the occupied territories - tells its own story. "The problem for the PLO is that it feels psychologically, geographically and physically trapped," Hanan Ashrawi, the most persuasive of all Palestinian spokespersons, said. "The greater the pressure from the Israelis upon the PLO, the more the PLO loses credibility and legitimacy with the Palestinians. The more the PLO shows it can deliver on the Israelis' principle demand — security — the less it is accepted by its own

Dr. Ashrawi insists that

while the "peace process" may "fizzle out", it has brought both the Palesti-nians and the Israelis "face to face with themselves This has forced the Israelis as well as the Palestinians to ask if they really want peace. Yet travelling back that same day from Dr. Ashrawi's home in Ramaled with Palestinian civilians - was stopped at an Israeli police checkpoint outside Jerusalem. The cop did not ask for the driver's papers - he shouted for them. "Passport," he screamed at me. When the driver could not produce a working fire extinguisher in his vehicle. the Israeli policeman cursed him and the passengers muttered obscenities at the policeman. I didn't show my passport — because the policeman did not want to see it. He wanted to shout at the occupants of the car. And as we drove away from his checkpoint, the obscenities continued among the passengers. For the occupants of our taxi that hot

There are few Palesti mians who do not realise that Mr. Arafat made peace oot of impotence rather than strength. To make peace with Israel, the Arabs are learning, one must be exhausted, ineffectual, powerless. Is Syria weak enough to make peace now? Or is she too strong? Must Syria, too, be humbled, brought to the negotiating table by some swift, provoked military action by israel (in Lebanon, no doubt)? This is the question many Syrians are now asking, aware that their president appears to have no intention of bowing to the Israelis without the re-turn of all Golan.

afternoon, the "peace pro-

cess" died.

It is a deeply disturbing notion. For, from his palace above Damascus, President Assad can now look south towards a land where Palestinians are masters of their destiny in name rather than in fact, where the buildozer of peace has pro-duced a new level of double standards, where "peace" has become a synonym for compliance and where cynicism is fast overtaking the desire for peace among both Palestinians and Israelis. What incentive is left for the Arabs who have not yet signed a peace trea-

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SOCIETY ON THE MOVE The news was either too slow, or the journalists too fast

Journalists from far and wide who converged once again on Amman, this time to cover the defection of Iraqi Lieutenant General Hussein Kamal Hasson to Jardan last week, were held over in anticipation of an audience with His Majesty King Hussein, either ut a press conference or through un infarmal meeting, which, unfortunately did not materialise. When most of them had already left town, it was rumoured that Sujidu Hussein, wife of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. had arrived in Amman. Without confirmation, most of the correspondents simply said "Oops, too late." Among those who had been in town were Mary Curtis of the Los Angeles Times, Dan Williams of the Rome office of the Washington Post. Yousef shruhim, who is moving to the financial section af the New Yark Times from his base in Paris where he has been cavering the Middle East, Ernest Jordan, vice-president af Cable News Neswark (CNN), Mary Calvin of the Sunday Times, Peter Hunnes Lehman and renowned photojournolist Juy Ullal for Stern magazine, Serge Schmemann of the Jerusalem office of the New York Times, Gisela Dachs from the Jerusalem office of Die Zeit, Wolfgang Kohler of Frank-futter Allgemeine and Volkhard Windfur of Der Spiegel.

Facing round 2: University of Jordan President Fawzi Gharatheh was appointed to a second four-yeur term this week. The 52-year-old graduate of Coiro University, Texas Tech University and the University of Wiscansin, in the U.S., will be faced in his coming term with an awesome took of trying to manage a university built to occommodate 10,000 students but bursting at the seams with a student body of 23,000, and thus an inflated student/professor ratio, all in the midst of a mojor hudgetary crists. With a strong background in economics, sufficient experience in crisis management and an almosi enviable composure, Dr. Gharaibeh may jusi well pull through this one too. Meanwhile, his wife, Hannan, and children Lana, Ahmad and Dina are happy with the news,

Welcome Mr. Ambassador: Here to take the place vacated by Andrew Robinson is Canada's umbassodor-designate Michel de Saluberry. He's 50, single and speaks three Romance languages (French, of course, Italian and Spunish). Born in Hull, Québec, Mr. de Salaberry has gone through the ronks to reuch where he has today. After two years as an assistant lecturer of political science at Ottawa University, Mr. de Salaberry apred for a career switch and entered the foreign service. His first averseas assignment was as second secretary to his embassy in Algiers from 1975-76. Other postings, between home base assignments in Ottawa, have heen first secretary and consul in Rome (1981-1985) and counsellor and consul in Tel Aviv (1989-1992). From 1993 until his posting to Amman, Mr. de Salaberry was director of the Middle East Relations Division of Canada's Deportment of Fareign Affairs and International Trade. The ambassador-designate was out of town but will certainly be buck in time to present his credentials to the King.

A time to тететber: Indian Ambassador Arun Budhiraja and wife, Gita,

farewell to friends und ossociutes Tuesday night at a receptiun they hosted at their residence to celebrate India's ìndependence day. Here just

over three Arun Kumar Budhiraja

years, Mr. Budhiraja is completing his term an Aug. 31 on which date he will also retire from service in the Indian government at the age of 58. Prior to his posting to Jordan, Mr. Budhiraja was assigned to Kuwait from 1989 to 1990, and was there when Iraq invaded Kuwait. Of his tenure in Jordan Mr. Budhiraja says the highlight for him personally was to attend the signing of the peoce treory between Jordan and Isruel. "It was an amazing day, and I will never forget it!" he says. He has nothing but kind wards for the people of Jardan and maintains that his stay here has been very pleasant. He stresses that Jardan is "ruled by a man of great vision. . . It has been something to witness it progress." Mr. Budhiraja, who is from the stute of Punjab, will go back to India accompanied by his wife and daughter and reunite with his son who is studying and working there. At the reception attended by between 250-300 Jordanians, Indians and members of the diplomatic carps in Amman, he told guests that he would be returning to Delhi and plans to work in some ather sphere after a short vocation.

Asian evenings: August is the month of many national celebrations for countries in Southeast Asia and celebrating their independence day tanight are New Indonesian Ambassodor Eddy Sumantri and his wife, Tien, at a reception at the Regency Palace Hotel. The problem with summer celebrations is that many of one's associates are away on leave. Nevertheless, if the turnout of the Indian reception is any indication, tonight's soirée shauld see o handsome crowd as

More on fast food: While driving about Amman these days ovoiding a stopover at a fast food chain can became a significant problem for some? Judging by the promotional statements we have received at the Jordan Times, the problem is certoinly not about to ease. You may have thought that the Popeyes "New Orleans spicy and mildly-seasoned chicken" restourant which opened up last month in Shmeisani would

satisfy the local appetite for deep-fried poultry. Not so. Its owners, Arab Foods Catering Company (AFC), have signed an ogreement with Americo's Fovorite Chicken Company (also AFC) far a total of four Popeyes restaurants, all of them in Amman. Arab Foods Cotering General Manager Khalid Dahleh, who, olang with his brother Morwan Dahleh, Awni Shaker and Muzen Ansori (the major shareholders of the Jordan University far Women) are also partners in the company which has just purchased the Pizza Hut franchise in Jordan. says the campany gool is to make Popeyes "the number one chicken chain in Jordan." That's quite o few feathers to

M-Net, wherefore art thou? If you ore one of those peaple wha found that shortly after paying your installation fees and subscriptian charges ta get connected to the satellite programmes offered by the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation your favourite M-Net channel was token away, we fear that situation may be permanent. Charges for the movie/music channel were just too high we are told, and that is why you have been waiching StarPlus instead. But with the new agreement signed Wednesday between JTV and the Orbit Television Network, hope could be just a remote control gadget away. Although the ugreement stipulotes that Orbit will broadcast JTV Arab Satellite programmes to its system of receivers, puritculorly in Europe, there could be an opportunity for JTV to be on the receiving end of Orbit programmes. Orbit offers u wide voriety of "fun for the whole family" sort of programmes, including the Fun Chantel for kids where hast Amy, who poid o visit to Jordan a few months ogo, engages children in fun leorning experiences. Perhaps if Orbit's rates are not exorbitant, subscribing viewers may have o whale new world to choose from. We will do our best to keep you tuned in.

Jennifer Hamarneh

La Scala sings the blues, says faces cash crisis

By Crispian Balmer

Reuler MILAN - The curtain Milan's opulent La Scala opera house but a chorus of dire warnings is already ringing out about next year's programme.

La Scala's directors say they are not facing an artistic problem but rather a financial mess which is threatening to engulf the company.

"We are in a complete crisis situation. It has never been so serious," La Scala's General Manager Carlo Fontana told Reu-

La Scala, based in the centre of this wealthy northern Italian city, is run by the state and depends on government sub-

sidies for survival. Fontana says these handouts have been declining steadily over the past four years.

"Italy is world famous for its opera and should be supported by the state, but at heart Italy's political class doesn't have a

great cultural backtround, Fontana said.

the next two years has sent a shiver through the gilded corridors of the company. "The funds we have are

not cnough to pay the salaries up to the end of the 1996 season. We need stable public funding and more private contributions," Fontana said.

for its sumptuous productions, captured the limelight earlier this year when the 104-strong chorus wore their own clothes rather than costumes for the opening act of Arrigo Boito's 'Mefistofele' in a protest over salaries.

Then in June a section strike before a performance of 'La Traviata.'

Rather than cancel the show, La Scala's resident' (\$12.000) profit. conductor Riccardo Muti at the end of his virtuoso

Threats from the Treas - at-his striking work force, has just come down on ury Ministry of a 10 per Muti has turned his fury another dazzling season at cent cut in funding over on the state which he acarts. "I'm angry at how singers and orchestras are treated, and about what is happening to theatres," Muti said last month.

The state last year gove La Scala 78.4 billion lire (\$49 million), accounting for 59 per cent of the The opera, renowned theatre's revenue. In 1990, government handouts made up 63 per cent of total income.

'Now we're threatened by cuts again for 1996," Fontana said.

Despite Fontana's broadsides against Rome, La Scala's financial position is the envy of many of the orchestra, fighting impoverished arts houses for new contracts, went on around Europe. The company carries no debts and even managed to close 1994 with a 19 million lire

By comparison Britain's decided to improvise a Covent Garden has debts piano accompaniment to approaching \$1.0 million the Verdi masterpiece, and receives an annual getting a standing ovation grant of some \$31 million. Fontana says La Scala's

to produce a season like sponsors, Fontana said. we ve just enjoyea, saia 48-year Fontana, arguing that detractors had fobehind-the-scenes disputes and not on the pro-

ductions. 'Theatres which frankly don't stine for their artistic productions, like Covent Garden in Britain, have it in their interests to present La Scala as it

isn't," he said. And La Scala's management know that Milan's sophisticated opera goers will accept nothing but the

Two years ago Luciano Pavarotti was booed and heckled by spectators at the first night of Verdi's 'Don Carlos' when the leading tenor made two mistakes while singing the

merit of the company, which last year put on a total 192 performances of opera, ballet and concerts, the government will have seen as too high.

be a foundation, with a mixed revenue base, recused on the recent ceiving both private and public funds," said Fontana, who has managed La Scala since 1990.

> A spokesman for the government's performing arts department said the state largely backed these proposals. "The situation as it stands doesn't please anyone so will have to be changed. But we can't create special laws just for La Scala," he said.

Instead he said his ministry was looking into letting all theatres become private entities and that until this was enshrined in law La Scala should hunt out fresh revenue sources.

But any question of raising more money To safeguard the artistic through higher ticket prices is dismissed, with the average cost of a ticket for the 1994 season of 123,000 lire (\$77) already

but far from lashing out in better productions in the striking work force.

I challenge any other same time introduce tax ances during the year is opera house in the world perks to attract private ruled out by La Scala, despite the fact that many ductions could be sold out twice over.

> "It is an old fashioned theatre without much high technology backstage. We can't use it any more than we do." Fontana said.

Instead the company is seeking rich benefactors, pointing out that private firms are picking up the bill for a full-scale tour of Japan this September, when La Scala will fly out some 670 singers, dancers, musicians and technicians to Tokyo.

In the meantime work is already under way on next season's programme, which kicks off on the traditional high society first night of December 7 with a production of Mozart's 'Magic Flute.'

"It's very hard to plan things without knowing what's happening ... but with a bit of courage and imagination anything is possible," Fontana said.

have attracted a wide audience, from teenage war buffs who also replay the war's popular battles on computer simulations to elderly war veterans, and publishers have been reaping the profits of the pulp fiction since the

But as Japan marked the 50th anniversary on August 15 of its surrender to the allied forces, the popularity of such navels is making publishers ner-

a lot by those who say our books are militaristic." said Akira Shibata, an editor with Tokyo publishing house a Tokuma Shoten.

"But those books have nothing to do with ideology, they are just a form of entertainment."

made different choices in

the war. The 16-volume "Deep

Japanese fiction changes course of history after

By Makiko Tazaki

TOKYO - What if Japan had openly declared war on the United States instcad of launching a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, then conquered Hawaii and granted its people independence? And how would history be recorded if Tokyo's military leaders then signed a peace treaty with Washington and declared

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war on Germany? Welcome to the world of fantasy war novels, where Japanese authors have rewritten the course of history and sold millions of copies to readers eager to ponder the outcome of World War II if circumstances had been

different. War simulation novels genre became popular ab-

out five years ago.

"We've been bothered

The novels, usually filled with descriptive battle scenes, give the Japanese Imperial Army a second chance, as their authors imagine what would have happened if Japan had

World War II Blue Fleet" series, written by Yoshio Aramaki, for

example, casts real-life Naval Commander Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto in a scenario where he openly declares war on the United States.

With better equipment and strategies, Japan destroys the Panama canal and captures Hawaii and grants it independence from Washington. Towards the end of the series, Japan even fights against Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

Tokuma Shoten has sold about four million copies of the Deep Blue Fleet series since December 1990, Shibata said.

But rewriting history, especially where World War II is concerned, runs the risk of misleading people to believe more in the fiction than in reality. according to Biten Yamamoto, a professor of history and psychology in Tokyo.

The books "are interesting as games and may be meaningful as a kind of brain exercise." Yamamoto said.

"It's probably okay if one knows the history and reads the fantasy novels as pure entertainment.

"But it can be dangerous if a person starts get-ting carried away and gets reality mixed up with fan-" he said.

Losing borders between the reality and fantasy was what happened to the Aum (supreme truth), wasn't it?" Yamamoto said, referring to the Doomsday cult that is linked to the sarin nerve

gas attack in the Tokyo subway in March. Shibata counters that argument, saying that "most readers are well versed in history," adding that for most readers the books are not interesting if they don't know the

history.

War declared in NZ on how to teach reading programme," he said. "To say that they don't do it is standards.

By Simon Louisson

WELLINGTON - A war of words has broken out in New Zealand about how reading should be taught. The conflict, conducted

through magazines, academic journals and television, is surprisingly bitter. It has polarised academics and teachers and left children as the possible victims. "This a reading war,"

said Auckland University Associate Professor of Education Tom Nicholson, who urges a traditional letters-and-sounds approach to reading known as phonics.

"If you mention phonics at a conference, people just walk away from you," he told Reuters.

Phonics supporters, often identified with rightwing politics, have even been labelled by critics as child abusers.

"We have been called 'phonicators', the implicasex abusers," Mr. Nichol-

son said. At issue is the "whole language" approach to reading, a system pioneered in New Zealand and increasingly being used in the English-speaking world and else-

teaching says children should use context to learn. The specific teaching of sounds and letters, the ABC, is not considered vital or even neces-

The child is given a book and uses knowledge, taught experience and pictures in the book as clues to guess or predict the words in the book. The specific teaching of sounds is not considered vital because the child will learn those gradually as he or she learns to read.

Warwich Elley, author and Massey University of 'How On Earth Do Professor William Tunmer Students Ready," agrees say the introduction of whole language is in- whole language reading creasingly being used since the 1960s is to blame

says few nations have uni-versally adopted it like New Zealand. Singapore, Australia and England have adopted less radical versions, while in the non-English speaking world, Sweden is the leading exponent of whole language.

The major advantages Whole language of whole language, according to Auckland College of Education Mead of Reading, Libby Limbrick, is that children are more encouraged to seek out meaning, to be critical thinkers and be

motivated to read. New Zealand is a world leader in reading. Kiwis buy more books per head than any other country and New Zealand children are consistently at the top in international literacy tests.

But warning bells are ringing. Mr. Nicholson

"Over that time New Zealand children's reading performance has be-

gun to deteriorate," said Mr. Nicholson. "Since 1970, more and more children are having difficulty and that can be seen by the numbers of children going into reme-

dial reading programmes at aged six," he added. Critics point to a slip in international comparative tests, apparent declining literacy standards of school leavers and 27 per cent of six year-olds going into a notionwide remcdial reading programme, known as reading recov-

Mr. Nicholson is also following up some preliminary research which shows whole language teaching has a disproportionately high failure rate among poorer chil-dren. "Middle class children fail, but not as much, because their parents jump into the breach

A 1989 study compared Scottish and New Zealand just not right." children of similar backgrounds. Scottish eighttheory suggests children year-olds, taught with a mixed approach including learn reading and writing as they learn spoken lanphonics were on average guage, where grammar

10 months ahead in read-

ing and evea in compre-

hension, one of the supposed strengthes of whole language.
Stuart McNaughton, a defender of whole language, who is also Associated Professor of Education at Auckland University, said there is no evidence of deteriorating

standards. The latest international study shows New Zealand is up there with other countries. I don't think there is that much evidence of a deterioration over time."

Like almost all whole language proponents, Mr. McNaughton denies that phonics is ignored under the modern system.

"Good teachers teach

Mr. Nicholson said this is wrong. "You are geneti-cally programmed to talk in whatever environment you are in but you won't

necessarily learn to read.

All the research is point-

ing to the fact that chil-

dren who rely on context a

lot are most likely to be

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Pure whole language

poor readers," he said. Although he would oppose a return to a learning system based entirely on phonics, Mr. McNaughton accepts the balance may have titled too far in New Zealand

towards whole language.

"We want an integrated programme and maybe one of the components of that could be beefed up,'

: Independent. where the school fails," he phonics as part of the he said. worldwide although he for what they see as falling tion being that we are like

By Jean-Claude Elias

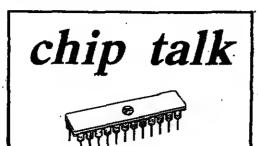
A few months ago, leaving the Royal Cultural Centre at the end of a recital, I had an interesting chat with one of Jordan's leading pianists. We talked mainly about electronic synthesizers — those amazing, affordable piano-like keyboards that can reproduce hundreds of sounds.

My argument, maybe because of a weakness for electronics which I cannot fight, was that synthesizers are making music more popular than ever, allowing a greater number of music lovers to become performers. Definitely a good thing, I said. The pianist's point of view, however, was that this situation doesn't make music any better. In her own words: "With synthesizers, we have more of a bad thing!"

Thinking it over today, and without entering the philosophical debate of what is good and what is bad, I believe she was right. Easy access to inexpensive equipment does nothing but contribute to letting more people make more noise. Unless, of course, proper training and education is given at the same time. A strange parallel can be drawn between synthesizers and PCs (personal computers).

The fact that everybody, virtually, has access to or

uses PCs today doesn't mean that everybody has mastered the art (or science if one wishes) of computing. The widespread usage of machines per se hasn't improved the standard of data processing or



informatics. To be true, the art_has improved but certainly not in direct proportion to the number of PCs in use worldwide.

What we have here is a typical case of quality versus quantity. When a system becomes very popular or follows a vulgarisation process, quality often is sacrificed to quantity. The phenomenon is also obvious with software. I hear computer users brag about the impressive number of programmes they have acquired. Rarely do I hear them talk about one programme in depth or in detail. Even after using Windows for years many people ignore some of its

For most of what we do, in our daily work more particularly, the benefit is greater if we concentrate on quality. There's vital but fine line between sloppy, amateurish work and quality onc. It's simply called professionalism.

Modern living week

By Samer Ghaleb Bagaeen

Today, this column brings you an exclusive interview with the newly appointed director of the Foundation for Creative Environments.

Dear sir, thank you very much for being with us

The pleasure is all mine. - The foundation of which you have been appointed director has been charged with the task of sorting out priorities for action within our city such as placing things like new traffic lights where they are genuinely needed. Could you tell us something about

the set of criteria that you will adopt? - This is certainly a very good question. I will have to get back to you on this one.

- Many international television channels have been broadcasting a series of programmes on the changes taking place in the world of art, design and technology. Would you personally campaign to get such educational programmes aired on our local channels?

- This is certainly a very good question. I will have to get back to you on this one.

As we do every summer, we are witnessing a tremendous influx of visitors and tourists, their cars and what have you. And as we do every summer, we are also witnessing the simultaneous stretching to the limits of services such as telephones and water. What are your plans to reduce the pressure on such public services, to reduce the intolerable traffic jams on our streets that accompany such an influx, and to help minimise the disrupting influence of such an influx on the daily lives of our citizens?

- This is certainly a very good question. I will have to get back to you on this one.

- Could you please tell us why the cellular phones

on offer on the market are being sold here at nearly seven times their average price say, for example, in the United Kingdom?

- This is certainly a very good question. I will have

to get back to you on this one. - With every passing day, more and more new apartments are being placed on the market for sale at ever higher prices. How would you explain this apparently dismal failure of the theory of supply and demand as regarding prices?

- This is certainly a very good question. I will have

to get back to you on this one. - There have appeared of late advertisements in the local press for houses being on offer for \$1 million - with the digits highlights in bold letters. Would you consider hiring a specialist in order to find out what kind of person would buy such a house? - This is certainly a very good question. I will have

to get back to you on this one. - Europeans travel to places such as India, Java and Tibet and take back ideas and elements of the lifestyle with them to Europe. Why do we look towards the West for inspiration while people in the

West obviously look towards the East? - This is certainly a very good question. I will have to get back to you on this one.

Life with the internet is the next big thing: any chance of all of us here ever getting on the net, so to

- This is certainly a very good question. I will have to get back to you on this one.

Dear sir, (hem, hem) thank you for your being with us here today. The interview has been very insightful.

- Thank you.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Mohammad A. Shuqair

BRUSH UP YOUR MEMORY

Are you interested in travel? If so identify these famous places. Getting to know all of them, your memory and impression of things prove to be fantasti-





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ASTOUNDING FACTS

The smallest known starfish is found deep in the Mediterranean, which is not known to exceed a diametre of 0.78 inches.

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★ In 1977 there were an estimated 41,000,000 dogs in ** the United States, compared to 5,3000,000 in the

★ The emperor penguin of the Antarctic can reach a depth of 870 feet and remain submerged for as long as 18 minutes.

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★ Vivian "Sailor Joe" Simmons, a Canadian tattoo artist, had 4,831 tattoos on his body. He died in Toronto on Dec. 22, 1965, aged 77.

LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

My family speaks Arabic.

Ossrati tatakallam al-Arabiya. Ammi yohib al-mooseeqa. My uncle likes music. My sister plays karate. Okhti tal'ab al-karatey.

— My father writes books. My mother likes flowers.

Abee yu'allef kutuban. Ommi tohib al-azbaar.

- My brother hates liars. Ahi yakrah al-kath'thabeen. My aunt adores jc wellery. Ammati ta'bod al-mujaw'harat.

 Mv friend practises boxing and wrestling. Sadeegi yumaress al-mulakama wal-musaa'ra'a.

— I tell funny jokes! Ana aqool nikat mud'hika!

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TIME FOR FUN

* P.E. TEACHER: "Allison, you're hopeless at sports. You'll never come first in anything.' ALLISON: "I'm first everyday in the dinner queue,

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* "Now Frank," said the weary maths teacher, "if you had \$15 in one pocket and \$15 in another pocket, what would you have?"

"Some else's trousers on!"

★ What must you pay when you go to school? "Attention."

BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

1. Why is Boxing Day so called?

2. Name the THREE WISE MEN?

3. Whose signature appears on English banknotes?

4. Aug. 14, 1945, was given what name?

5. Which of the three Brontë sisters wrote Wuthering Heights? 6. What does the word "Carol" mean?

7. Which country drinks most coffee per person: (a) Sweden (b) France (c) United States?

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JTV CHANNEL 2 WEEKLY PREVIEW

Thursday, Aug. 17 .

1:30 Iris-The Happy Pro-

1:40 Noddy

2:00 Fireman Sam 2:15 My Secret Identity

2:30 N.B.A.

3:00 Dead Men's Tales 3:30 Take Your Pick

4:00 I Witness Video 5:00 Children's programme

Rahan 5:30 Varieties And Game

7:00 Le Journal

7:15 Magazine — Portrait D'Alain Cavalier

7:30 News Headlines

7:35 National Geographic

8:30 The Album Show

9:15 Murder She Wrote 10:00 News In English

10:25 Movie - L'addition — The Bill

Starring: Richard Berry & Victoria Abril

12:00 Shogun Eight

Aug. 18 1:00 Read-A-Alle Deed-

Friday,

A-Alle 1:15 Beethoven

1:30 Why I didn't Think Of That

2:00 White Fang 2:30 Movie - Black Beard's Ghost

Starring: Peter Ustinou & Dean Jones

4:00 The Crystal Maze 5:00 Children Program-

Rahan 5:30 Telefilm

La Maison Des Autres 1/2

7:00 Le Journal 7:15 Magazine — E = M6

8:00 Coach -

7:30 News Headlines 7:35 An End To Silence 8:30 Jordan Today 9:15 Scoop

10:00 News In English 10:25 Movie - Young

Starring: Stacy Keach & Margot Kidder

11:50 Out On A Limb 12:30 The Powers That

Saturday. Aug. 19

Ivanhoe

2:00 Back To The Future

2:30 Harry And The Hendersons 3:00 Road To Avonlea

4:00 Families 5:00 Children's Programme

Doug 5:30 Documentary — **Palettes**

6:00 Place En Garde A

7:00 Le Journal 7:15 Magazine — Faut Pas Rever

7:30 News Headlines 7:35 An End To Silence

8:00 Major Dad 8:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

9:15 Dr. Quinn-Medicine 10:00 News In English

10:25 Movie - Ride With The Wind Starring: Graig Nelson &

Helen Shaver

(Frank participates in a motorbike race, and hurts his back while doing so, in the hostital he gets aquianted with a boy of whom he builds a

very strong friendship). 11:50 Noble House (Best Seller) Part I.

Sunday, Aug. 20

2:00 The Flintstones 2:30 The Mighty Jungle 3:00 Pugwall's Summer

3:30 Sky Trackers

4:00 Families

5:00 Children's Prog-Doug 5:30 Reportage - En-

voye Special 7:00 Le Journal

7:15 Ushuaia: Le Magazine De L'Extreme

7:30 News Headlines

7:35 Cinema, Cinema 8:00 Nurses

8:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 9:15 Strathblair 10:00 News In English

10:25 Counterstrike 11:30 The Hidden Room

12:00 Keeping Up

Monday, Aug. 21

2:30 Hey Dad!

Appearances

2:00 The Animals Of Farthing Wood

3:00 Survival 4:00 Families 5:00 Spirou

5:30 Telefilm -- Les Cinq Dernieres Minutes

7:00 Le Journal 7:15 Magazine -- Portrait D'alain Cavalier

7:30 News Headlines 7:35 An End To Silence

8:00 McHale's Navy 8:30 The Bold And The

9:15 Harts Of The West 10:00 News In English 10:25 The Ruth Rendell's

"Murder Being Once Done" Part III of III 11:30 Movie-Reruru

Mysteries —

"Witness" Starring: Harrison Ford & Josef Sommer

A little boy from a religious group witnesses a murder at a railway station, eventually this reveals the involvement of the police in it.

Tuesday. Aug. 22

2:00 Captain Planet 2:30 M.A.N.T.I.S.

4:00 Families

5:00 Children Programme - Doug 5:30 Magazine - Mon-

3:00 The Road To Avon-

5:50 Varieties - Tarata-

7:00 Le Journal 7:15 Magazine - Faut Pas Reyer

7:30 News Headlines 7:35 You Bet Your Life

8:00 Piglet Flies 8:30 The Bold And The

Beautiful 9:15 True Blue

10:00 News In English 10:25 The Fire Next Time 11:30 New York Under-

12:00 Grace Under Fire

Wednesday. Aug. 23

2:00 Problem Child 2:30 Super Champs

3:00 Tomorrow's World 3:30 Amazing Stories 4:00 Families

5:00 Children Programme — Rahan 5:30 Les Cinq Dernieres

7:00 Le Journal 7:15 Ushuaia, Le Maga zine De L'extreme

Minutes

7:30 News Headlines 7:35 An End To Silence

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8:30 The Bold And The 9:15 Heart Of Healing

10:00 News In English 10:25 Prism

10:45 Blue Skies 11:45 Murder in Texas

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Grateful Dead leader mourned at private funeral



Thousands of Grateful Dead fans gather Garcia, during a public memorial service at a memorial after erected to the memory in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park,

of deceased Grateful Dead leader Jerry August 13 (Reuter Photo)

SAN FRANCISCO (R) - Family, friends and band members attended a private funeral on Friday for Jerry Garcia. leader of the Grateful Dead rock band who died at a drug treatment centre last

The funeral was held under tight security at St. Stephen's episcopal church in Belvedere, a pieturesque town that looks onto San Francisco bay, television and radio reports said.

One of the Grateful Dead's most popular songs is called 'Saint Stephen'.

Singer-songwriter Bob Dylan, pianist Bruce Hornsby and counterculture figure Ken Kesey were among the select list of guests invited to the funeral, which also in-cluded Garcia's family and Grateful Dead band mem-

An open casket contained Garcia's body wearing his trademark black t-shirt. His family has not decided whether he will be buried or cremated, according to news reports.

The bund kept the place and time of the funeral secret in advance to avoid Garcia, who lived in attracting large crowds. Garcia, 53, was found

dead, of an apparent heart attack, early last Wednesday at a drug and alcohol treatment centre near San Francisco. He was reported to be struggling with a heroin problem. He was singer, lead guitarist and inspiration of the Grateful Dead, a band

born in the flower power days of the 1960s San Francisco. Three decades later. the band is revered by thousands of fans, known as 'deadheads,' who have made the group one of America's most popular touring bands. The funeral service was

led by episcopal priest the Rev. Matthew Fox, who officiated at Garcia's wedding on Valentine's Day last year to his third wife, Deborah Koons, a filmmaker whom he met at one of the band's concerts nearly 20 years ago.

Garcia's widow has asked that donations in memory of the rock star be sent to the Haight Ashbury free clinic in San Francisco, which runs drug treatment program-

A public memorial to

Marin County, north of San Francisco, is expected to be held later.

The group's heartbroken fans have remembered Garcia in their own way this week, holding vigils in cities around the country and congregating at a makeshift shrine to Garcia in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, where Garcia once lived.

President Bill Clinton said in an interview to be aired on the cable music channel MTV on Friday that he was saddened by Garcia's death, but said it should make the musician's fans reflect on the consequences of selfdestructive behaviour.

Earlier, more than 100 fans congregated at the intersection of Haight and Ashbury streets in San Francisco, cradle of the hippie movement in the 1960s, to mourn Garcia.

Five hundred people gathered in New York's Central Park on Wednesday night to remember Garcia while in Los Angeles, hundreds of Grateful Dead fans gathered in Griffith Park



Jerry Garcia

for a candlelight vigil. Tributes to Garcia poured in from music stars like Bob Dylan and Carlos Santana and from politicians and fans such as Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy. Flags in San Francisco flew at half-staff, Born Jerome John Gar-

cia in San Francisco in 1942, Garcia dropped out of high school at 17 and worked as a salesman and music teacher in California before forming the Warlocks rock group in 1965, which became the Grateful Dead a year la-

Cyndi Lauper revives career by redoing 80s hits

By Matthew Rettenmund Reuler

NEW YORK — Watch out Madonna. Cyndi youth in parochial Lauper, the quirky blonde schools. "There's the sispop singer forgot after her ters of charity, the sisters 1984 hit Girls Just Want, of mercy, and it just so To have Fun, is making a happens that I was with comeback, riding the crest the sisters of no charity of an '80s revival with a reggae remake of her own most famous hit.

Her irrepressible urge to speak her mind survives intact.

Lauper, whose hits include 'Time After Time' and 'True Colours,' has released 'Hey Now (Girls Just Want To Have Fun)' from her new CD 'Twelve Deadly Cyns ... And Then Some.' The collection of ther 12 greatest hits and two new offerings has been a worldwide smash.

Almost as outspoken as her old rival Madonna. Lauper says she is proud to have voted democratic in 1992 despite the fact thay Vice President Al Gore's wife Tipper once spearheaded a campaign that branded her hit 'She Bop' - a veiled ode to masturbation — as 'filthy.' But all is not forgiven. "I voted for Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Gore," she gig-

A 1985 Newsweek cover story pitted Madonna against Lauper, predicting that the latter would become a star and the former would be a one-hit wonder. That story led many to belive the singers were fueding, but Lauper says she has never felt competitive with the material girl whose style she emulates.

In fact, she says she admires Madonna's taut abdomen and her bravery in showing it off.

A self-described 'recovering Catholic, Laup-er jokes grimly of her and no mercy at all.

And she has no mercy for one of her own hits that does not appear on 'Twelve Deadly Cyns' -The Goonies 'R' (Good 4 Enough).

"I hated that ... it was terrible," she said. She said she is also disenchanted with 'True Colours' after the song became a commercial theme. But her affection for it, its popularity, and the chord it strikes among misfits around the globe led her to revive it in concerts.

Lauper is not content just to sing. She directed the video to 'Hey Now' and for years has been one of only a handul of video artists to direct themseives. The video for the ori-

ginal 'Girls Just Want To Have Fun' featured girls led pied piper-style down the streets of New York by Lauper, sporting her then-trademark orange hair. In the update, her hair is canary yellow and the girls are boys: The director playfully chose a cast of drag queens as her co-siars.

Her new CD also contains a fresh recording of the bullad 'I'm Gonna Be Strong." which, to Lauper's surprise, became a gay anthem. She sang it at New York's 1995 gay pride parade.



Cyndi Lauper

says, "You always have to remember — no matter what you're told - that God loves all the flowers, even the wild ones that grow on the side of the highway.

Her acting won her an Emmy for a guest role on NBC-TV's 'Mad About You' but she describes

Of her gay fans, Lauper singing as 'magical,' saying "I don't censor my-self. I do everything by ear." She added, tongue firmly in cheek, "that's called style. I believe."

Fans sampled that style July 18 when Lauper celebrated her 42nd birthday two days early with a concert at the academy in Manhattan, The show sold again.

out well in advance and scalped tickets fetched upwards of \$50.

Her popularity surging abroad, Lauper welcomed the quiet she found in America. But this megastar of the '80s has to sacrifice that quiet time as her new album - and her old material - takes off

Janet Leigh still can't take showers

By Bob Thomas The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Ordinarily the sunniest of individuals, Janet Leigh was hopping mad. Someone had faxed her a copy of a movie reference hook cene oi Psycho was directed by Saul Bass and not Alfred Hitchcock.

"And it even says in the 'Directed by credits: Alfred Hitcheock (and Saul Bass)," she ranted. "I was in the shower I was there every day in every shot Bass never directed

The offending volume is John Hallowell's widely respected Film Guide. Aside from her own testimony. Leigh sought corroboration from Hitchcock's daughter. Patricia, and Psycho cameraman Hilton Green, who produced the film's three sequels. Bass. the famed maker of tilm titles is credited as title designer and pictorial con-sultant for the film.

Leigh might be termed keeper of the Psycho flame. Evidence can he found in her new book. Psycho: Behind The Scenes Of The Clussic Thriller (Harmony Books. \$22). It tells all you need to know about the movie. from the woman who starred in arguably the most famous horror scene in movie history.

The actress talked about her literary career at the home she has long shared with husinessmanhusband Boh Brandt high, atop the Hollywood Hills. Just turned 68, she retains the starlet figure and gla-mour of her MGM years.

After the pique of the work for a woman her misplaced shower-scene credit had passed, she resumed her sunshiny atti-She explained that the

shower scene contains be-tween 71 and 78 short alleging that the notorious takes - "no one knows n uays was no great challenge for her, except for the 20 seconds or so of total horror as her character was being stabbed to death. No. she wasn't nude. She wore a fleshcoloured bodysuit in keeping with the movie morality of 1960.

> Is it true about her bathing habits?

> That I don't take showers? Yeah." she confessed. "It's not a hype... it's not something that I thought good for publicity. Honest to gosh, it's true. "The reason is really

> not the lilming of it. As vou know, that's hroken up in sitort takes, before I saw the finished film. I had never realised how vulnerable you are in the shower. You're exposed... defenceless, you can i hear because of the running water. I don't like that situation. It had never dawned on me before."

She added that she didn't have nightmares about it. nor did she feel the need to consult a shrink. She prefers the buthtub. "where I can see the door. the water's not running, so I can hear everything. I guess I'm just a chicken at hcart.

Psycho (the book) is part of a new career for Janet Leigh, who is realistic enough to know that Hollywood supplies little age. Ten years ago, she produced an autobiography, There Really Was A Hollywood. This fall she'll have another book on the stands, a three-generation

In 1946. Jeanette Helen stabbing-in-the-shower for sure." filming it for Morrison was a student at College of the Pacific in Stockton. California. when she visited her purents at a ski lodge where they were working. Her father took her photo. which actress Norma Shearer saw on a ski trip. The star sent it to lew Wasserman, head of the tulent ugency MCA. As Janet Leigh, she be-

came a star in her first film. appearing opposite Van Johnson in The Romance Of Rosy Ridge. Her reward: a new contract at \$150 a week. For the next eight years, she starred opposite MGM's top male stars.

"I couldn't have been treated better, Leigh said. contradicting those who complain about the bigstudio system. First of all, they let me do loanouts. True, they were getting more than my salary for loaning me out,

But they also took a chance on me and paid me when I didn't earn a dime. They could have made an investment in me, and I could have turned out to be zip. I was compensated more than I ever thought I would be.

"Today, the kids like Jamie (Lee Curtis, her daughter) have to pay for their own lessons. I got them tree: diction, singing, dancing, Everything I needed to learn, they

Rock stars flock to Mandela's new South Africa

By Melanic Cheary Reuter

JOHANNESBURG -South Africa is back on the world's pop music map :30 The Bold And as superstars fly in to play and sing for fans who missed out during the country's decades of isolation over its apartheid racial policies.

:15 Heart Of Healt 0:00 News In English For more than 20 years South Africa struggled under economic sanctions, foreign companies moved out, sports teams refused to play South Africans and most pop and rock groups shunned the wbite-ruled republic.

Times have changed since President Nelson Mandela, came to power after April 1994 elections, and performers ranging from The Rolling Stones to opera soprano Kiri Te Kanawa are appearing on South Africa's stages.

Many young South Africans say being banned from world sport and shunned by overseas rock groups and singers batduring the apartheid era. "Before, you used to hear of guys your age going to rock concerts, or vou read about it in magazines. It's funtastic that we can go now too," said

Timothy Van Noort, a 21year-old student. Since the elections, pop culture has taken off. Posters promoting rock concerts decorate walls and fences alongside the more familiar street symbols of razor wire, burglar

tered the country's psyche attempts to scale walls will provoke immediate and deadly response.

Despite soaring crime there is no shortage of well-known visitors."

"Yes, there is still trouble and the crime and violence is terrible, but it is wonderful to have concerts and be able to play sport again," Mr. Van Noort said.

During the years of isolation, the only chance well-heeled young South Africans had of attending alarms and warnings that

rock concerts - taken for granted by European and American youth - was by journeying to neighbouring states.

Now, all everyone can talk about is who is coming to play in the country next," said Phillip Rapagadi, 16.

Young South Africans have seen rock idols like Sting, Phil Collins, Roxette and Bryan Adams perform, as well as rock groups Crowded House, Depeche Mode and Midnight Oil.

And in a Johannesburg stadium where political rallies used to take place, The Rolling Stones gave a sellout concert last spring.

"They were unbelievable. I dreamed of going to a Stones concert. I can't believe I finally have," said 22-year-old Kirsten

Recently two members of British cult band The Mission performed in a Johannesburg nightelub.

"Tickets were gone within about an hour of the performance being

vendor Maria Steenkamp. Singer Joan Armatrad-

ing and groups Wet Wet Wet and Bon Jovi also prompted rushes for tickets. Frantic scrambling and overnight queueing shows how hungry South Africans are for international entertainment, said student John Pybus, 24.

The British heavy metal band Iron Maiden is due in October and Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti in

January. Some of the bands com-

advertised," said ticket ing to South Africa have been described as retreads who refused to perform there when they were at the height of popularity during the apartheid era.

> Names from the page out to enjoy the fruits of the new South African democracy include Uriah Heep, The Moody Blues, Smokev and Jethro Tull.

Britain's Peter. Pan of pop, Cliff Richard, came too - but unlike most of the others, his was a re-

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In 'goitre land' victims too poor to seek medical help

By Nadeem Qadir Agence France Presse

ladesh — So many goitre dubbed goitre land. sufferers live in this iodine-deficient village

When word spread that outsiders, 'possibly doc-



Bangladesh - Swelling of the thyroid gland (goitre) is a visible sign of iodine deficiency. Iodine helps produce thyroxine in the thyroid gland for overall physical development, growth and body maintenance.

larged thyroid glands, some 50 desperate, impoverished patients jammed the quarters where ment.

nearby districts are too poor to seek medical treatment, and some who do cannot bear the minimum 350 taka (\$8.75) per month cost of a sustained ninė-month treatment," said Mohammad Shamsul Hug, the chief medical officer here.

He cited a severe shortage of iodine in the water and the soil as the cause of the extraordinary number of goitre sufferers in the Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts.

Experts blame the loss of iodine from the soil and water on the region's

vulnerability to floods and heavy rains, which wash away the natural ele-

the AFP team covering the mission was staying, still coping with floods hoping to receive free from May through July that left at least 127 peo-"The people here and in ple dead nationwide and caused widespread destruction of crops and

> property. Many residents of this remote area in northern Bangladesh are aware that their condition is caused by an iodine deficiency, but they cannot afford to bny iodised salt.

The government ordered in 1989 that all salt be iodised, but salt lacking the essential element - of which the human body requires at least 150 micrograms a day — is cheaper.

And shopowners have alleged that many salt packets are falsely label-

Iodine helps produce thyroxin in the thyroid gland for overall physical development, growth and body maintenance. An iodine deficiency causes the thyroid to swell as a coping mechanism, doc-

The United Nations Children's Fund (UN-ICEF) says about 70 per cent of Bangladesh's 110 million people suffer from iodine deficiency-related problems, and 36 million sufferers have goitres. However, only 8.8 per cent of the goitres are

Goitres, which UN-ICEF says are a "physical deformation or disability" rather than a disease, can cause respiratory prob-lems, nervous disabilities, deafness and mental im-

An estimated 6.2 million Bangladeshis are

mentally handicapped to varying degrees because of iodine deficiencies, the Organisation said.

Sufferers cannot work properly, costing Bang-ladesh some \$25 million annually in lost productiv-

ity, UNICEF added. Tohar Sheikh 76, looked weak and helpless as he sought treatment to get rid of the large tumour-like growth on his

"I was struck with a goitre 12 years ago and got some relief after a UN-ICEF team gave me an injection ... but then it grew again," he said.
Ten-year-old Tasirin

was depressed after she discovered the abnormal growth of her thyroid, and her family is convinced she will have a goitre for the rest of her life.

Some residents said they had not known that iodine prevented goitres,

while several said they were too poor to buy a packet of iodised salt, which costs taka 11 (30

cents). Muhammad Aziznr Rahman, secretary of a local village council, said the villagers got some re-lief after UNICEF opened a medical camp in the mid-1980s, but since then there had been no supplies

or treatment. "How can you expect these people to buy iodised salt when they have difficulty in getting two square meals a day?" he said, adding that they used less costly non-iodised

Hnq said the area's wealthier inhabitants were free from the disease and the only answer was sustained governmentsponsored treatment. However, "there is no medicine in stock now to treat goitre patients."

One of world's leading ebola experts claims possible cure

By Beth Duff-Brown The Associated Press

KINSHASA, Zaire -The note to the doctor simply reads, "this postcard comes to you with gratitude." It is signed by seven people. They are the last seven

survivors of the ghoulish ebola virus that claimed 233 lives and sent shivers of fear around the world. By the end of the month, the World Health Organisation (WHO) expects to declare the epidemic

These final victims lived, according to Zairian doctors, due to an experimental treatment in which they were given transfusions of blood from previous ebola survivors, slowly bringing down the fever that had forced blood to ooze through the eyes and pores of others

more seriously stricken. "Now we think that we have some proof that this transfusion was effective because we have seven successful cases of ebola fever who survived," said Dr. Jean-Jacques Muyembe Tamfum, a leading virologist who helped to identify the ebola virus 19 years ago.

WHO's African headquarters in neighbouring Congo last week issued a statement saying it was too early to call the treatment a cure.

"We know that other sick people who were not subject to this treatment recovered their health through other methods." said Barakanfitiye Deog-

By Lori Valigra

Reuter

BOSTON — A new study

links a genetic defect —

rather than infection or

other factors — to infertil-

ity in otherwise healthy

"In the past, male infer-

tility was thought to be

caused by infections, cer-

tain varicose veins around

the testes or immune

problems," said David

Page, associate director of

the Whitehead/MIT Cen-

tre for Genome Research

who led the study, which

was published in the jour-

cut case of infertility in

"This is the first clear-

otherwise healthy males

nal Nature Genetics.

ratia, director of the WHO Disease Control Unit in Brazzaville.

But the turnaround in these seven patients was reason for optimism among doctors and researchers in Kikwit, the city 360 kilometres east of Kinshasa where the outbreak this spring was concentrated.

"When we did the transfusions, there was a dramatic change, so we feel that we really have hope," said Dr. Mungala Kipasa, a public health specialist at Kikwit General Hospital. "Everybody is out of the hospital and everybody is doing fine."

incubation period.

Dr. Kipasa said, because health and arrived too

blood from most of the 56 other ebola survivors, tested it to make sure it was free of the AIDS virus and determined which convalescents had de-

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been sent to the Atlantabased Centres for Disease Control (CDC) and pre-

ledged that the treatment

has raised questions, but

desperate times, he said,

called for desperate mea-

disease. We have no treat-

ment, no medicine, no

vaccine and a mortality

rate of 80 per cent," said

Dr. Muyembe; who coor-

dinated the international

team of researchers who

swarmed Kikwit after the

outbreak. "If you are a

physician and you see so

many patients dying, what

Dr. Yves Guimard, an

infectious disease special-

ist from the institute of

tropical medicine in

Anvers, Belgium. has

been working with the

team in Kikwit for two

When asked if he be-

lieved the treatment was

indeed a cure, he would

only say there were still

too many unanswered

questions. Had the virus

become less virulent by

the time it struck its last

victims? Were those vic-

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Mr. Page and his team

found that 13 per cent of

men with azgospermia had a defective Y Chromo-

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single gene known as

However, the scientists

said they still cannot con-

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Azgospermia is a newly

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"These are all the ques-

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Scientists find genetic

link to male infertility

do you do?"

"Ebola fever is a new

but evaluating the effectiveness of the treatment would take months, said CDC spokesman Bob Ho-Dr. Muyembe, during an interview in Kinshasa earlier this week, acknow-

WHO won't proclaim the outbreak officially over until Aug. 24, which would be 12 weeks since the last known case of ebola and four times its

The last eight victims of ebola, including two who already comatose: were given a blood preparation from other survivors in early June. One of the women died,

she was already in poor The last of the seven

survivors left the hospital

July 31. The doctors had taken veloped the strongest ebo-

Blood samples related to the new treatment have

genes," Mr. Page told Reuters. "Our findings

will help some couples get

a definitive answer about

the reasons for their infer-

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lead to new directions in

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All of the doctors said regardless of whether the treatment will turn out to vention for further study, be a cure, they must now concentrate on preventing another outbreak.

The lastest strain of the mysterious virus, named for the Ebola River village where the virus was first identified after killing 300 people in 1976, was not airborne but highly conta-

Many people died be-cause they did not heed the warning of health officials who criticised the tradition of washing the bodies of loved ones before burial.

"What we have to do is change the behaviour of the people," Dr. Kipasa

Although highly critical of the government response during the peak of the outbreak in May, which consisted of roadblocks and quarantines, instead of more doctors and better equipment, Dr. Muyembe has softened his

He said he met with President Mobutu Sese Seko and told him that without proper precautions and community education, the next ebola outbreak could reach the capital of six million peo-

Mobutu, he said, promised that would not hap-

"I'm convinced that this time, the government was really shaken by Ebola," tions that are still unanswered and must be Dr. Muyembe said. "It's a answered before we can promise I hope he's going say there is a cure," Dr. to keep.

some becomes defective.

than we initially real-ised," Mr. Page said. "One in every 8,000 new-

born boys has such a

freshly arising defect."
He credited the Human

Genome Project, an inter-

national research effort

largely sponsored by the

U.S. National Institutes of

Health, with laying the

groundwork for the re-

In 1992 Mr. Page used

human genome funds to

develop a physical map of

the Y Chromosome that in

turn helped locate the de-

fect linked to infertility.

The only other map is of

Chromosome 21, which

causes Down Syndrome

when it is defective.

"This is more common

Witch-hunting | Vitamin A among British doctors

LONDON (AFP) — Britain's National Health Service (NHS), beset by patient complaints, long hospital queues, dwind-ling funds and monumental blunders, has appealed to its doctors to blow the whistle on incompetent colleagues.

Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell was loath to call it a "witch hunt." But, he said, "it is important that there are the necessary safeguards in place to protect patients.

"This means doctors monitoring the standards of their colleagues' professional performance and before the patients are put at any risk."

"We are fortunate in this country to have doctors who are the envy of the world," said Dorrell. "However, for various reasons, some doctors do not always keep. their prefessional knowledge up to scratch throughout their careers."

He said his ministry would be setting up a 24hour hotline to receive anonymous tips on suspected incompetent doc-

It would also incorporate a specific reference in doctors' NHS contracts pertaining to their 'duty' to denounce colleagues deemed not to be up to snuff.

Professional sanctions, and even dismissal from the NHS, have not been ruled out, said Dorrell.

The ministry's propos-als have placed the British medical profession in a delicate position. It cannot support incompe-tence, but neither can it encourage its members to inform on one another. "You would hardly ex-

pect us to be enthusiastic about this," said Mac Armstrong, secretary of the British Medical Association. "It is a sad fact, and it will be very difficult to do. But we must create an atmosphere in which doctors can be helped toimprove their performапсе.'

Incompetence is not, said Armstrong, rampant among doctors. Rather, brain tumour was discoprompted the actions stemmed from "a very tiny number of very tragic cases two years ago.'

"In the cases which caused this inquiry, the doctors were actually ill. The things that make doctors incompetent are very story: a three-year-old rarely malice. It is much more likely that the doctor operation to ease his breais over-worked, over- thing had his operation stressed, under-trained, badly managed, or, in fact

Patients themselves publicity.

appear not to be enthusiastic about what is becoming known unofficially as a "whistle-blowers" charter."

"These proposals seem to forget that it is a management responsibility to monitor staff performance and assist those who need additional help," said Steve Pickles, Patients Assoication spokesman.

"The measures would be seen as a draconian addition to the disciplinary- procedures,- rather than an aid to improving services," he said. "Prob-lems are more likely to be caused by misunderstandraising issues of concern at imgs between patients and the earliest possible stage health care professionals rather than technical in-

сотретенсе." The proposals are also a means for Dorrell. appointed health secretary in last month's cabinet reshuffle, to seize the initiative in his new brief, which usually dominates the front pages for only two reasons: unpopular hospital closures for money reasons, and spec-tacular — and increasingly frequent - medical blun-

Within less than one month, the NHS had to deal with the following:

A substitute doctor doing medical analyses for several hospitals spread panic with a litany of false cancer diagnoses, necessitating the call-back of dozens of patients for re-

In Scarborough, north-ern England, 21 patients were anaesthetised with equipment that had been used on a tuberculosis patient and not sterilised

An 86-year-old man had heart attack in a hospital toilet, and remained there for 30 hours before staff found him.

Another heart patient died after waiting for treatment for five hours on a hospital trolley in a corridor.

A doctor treated a 16month-old girl's head pains with a common pain-killer. Seeing no improvement, her mother took her to a hospital emergency room, where a the NHS report that vered requiring three operations.

A six-year-old girl scheduled for heart surgery in Birmingham had her operation cancelled three times because no hospital bed was available.

In Southampton, same polio-victim needing an cancelled twice, before a bed was finally found after front-page nationwide

helps AIDS

By Lauran Neergaard The Associated Press WASHINGTON — Vitamin A might be an inexpensive way to ease the illnesses suffered by infants with the AIDS virus, new research suggests. Even otherwise healthy

Vitamin A are vulnerable to numerous diseases and even death. Whether administering Vitamin A benefits people with ments reduced diarrhea enough of the substance in Cases by 49 per cent . their diet already is con- among HIV-infected troversial.

But the first study of patients don't lack the nutrient, found moderately large doses helped infants fight off Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) -related illnesses, especially dangerous diarrhea, Natal University researchers report. The study was published in Wednesday's American Journal of Public Health.

The results look "very plausible" and suggest "that Vitamin A might even have applicability in the United States," said Dr. Reynaldo Martorell, a public health expert at Emory University who independently reviewed the study.

Doctors in Durban, South Africa, separated 118 babies born to HIVinfected women into two groups. Half the babies received doses of Vitamin A at ages 1 to 3 months, 6 to 9 months and 12 to 15 months. The other babies got placebos. Eighty-five of the infants were later found to be HIV-infected. They were similarly distributed between the vitamin and placebo groups.

All the children who received Vitamin A supplements, regardless of HIV status, had fewer illnesses. from rashes to respiratory

infections. The vitamintreated babies had 152 cases of illness; the untreated, 177.

· But the Vitamin A made a much larger difference in HIV-infected children who suffered diarrhea, a major child kilpeople who lack sufficient ler, said study author Anna Contsoudis, a Natal University pediatrics professor.

. The vitamin supplebabies and lowered diarrhea cases that last Vitamin A in HIV- seven or more days by 56 infected babies, in a South per cent, Coutsouidis reportea. Also, Diarriea caused hospital stays were 7.7 per cent lower among supplemented HIV babies.

In babies who did not have HIV, the Vitamin A made no difference in diarrhea, a common illness among children in developing countries.

The study followed the babies just through age 18 months, so Coutsoudis couldn't say if Vitamin A would help them live lon-

Currently, doctors have little to offer HIV-infected children, Martorell said, and drugs that are available are expensive and have often-severe side effects.

"If Vitamin A were to be effective, then it would provide a cheaper means of trying to lessen the burden of HIV infection," he

But he cautioned that the South African babies took high enough doses that they had to be closely monitored - because too much Vitamin A is highly toxic. No one should try Vitamin A supplementation for HIV on their own and Coutsoudis' findings must be replicated before doctors routinely offer it to AIDS babies, he cautioned.

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By Tony Barber

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THE DESOLATE scenes are all too familiar, - civilians bombarded by artil-lery, United Nations peacekeepers, United Nations peacekeepers seized as human shields, tens of thousands of refugees on the move, and yet another distinctive feature of Balkan civilisation cut to pieces in a matter of days. In terms of its human consequences, Croatia's recapture of the rebel Krajma Serb region has little different from the Serb onslaughts against Crozna in 1991 and Bosnia

since 1992.

Yet the more immediate significance of Croatia's success is that it may bring a speedier settlement of the conflicts that have torn apart former Yugoslavia for the past four years. Sudden-ly, there is a grim clarity to the maps that show which nationality is in control of which areas. Minority com-munities, be they the Serbs of Krajina or the Muslims of the Drina valley in east-ern Bosnia, are being wiped out, never to return to complicate the ambitions of mystical nationalists.

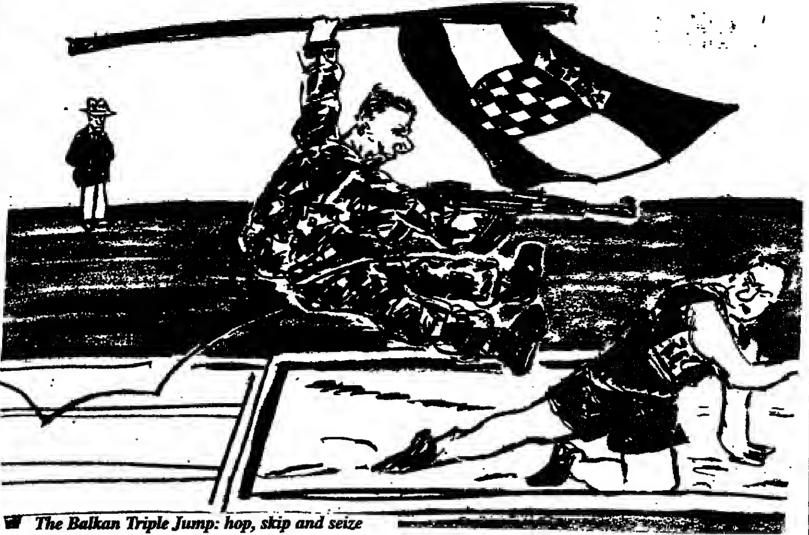
It is possible now to imagine a peace that would be based on the principle of defining three "nanonally pure" states; Serbia for the Serhs, Croatia for the Croats, and a truncated Bosnia, for the Muslims. Since it would be a peace that would violate the most fundamental values of tolerance that Western democracies purport to up-hold, it will be a while before we hear our leaders talking in public about such a settlement. But the time will come, and the catchphrase to watch out for will be: "It is the best peace attainable '

There is, of course, a horrible logic to this argu-ment. Forced transfers of population have been the world's preferred way of cooling trouble spots this century. In some cases they appear to have worked. though at great burnan cost in the short-term. After a two-year war, the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne provided for compulsory ex-change of the Turkish and Greek minorities of Greece and Turkey. Since then, the two countries may have continued to detest each other, but they have not fought a major war. Equally, the removal of

more than 10 million Germans from Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union after the World War II was an immense tragedy, in that it put to the flame centuries of German civilisation in eastern Europe. Yet with the perspective of time we can see that Poland and the Czech Republic, emptied of their restive German minorities, are more stable states. It is surely no coincidence that, ourside former Yugoslavia, one of the most tense areas in Europe is the Romanian province of Transylvania, where a discontented Hungarian minority is struggling to assert its identity.

In the case of former Yugoslavia, the establishment of "nationally pure" states is a process that bas gathered pace this year but is not yet complete. Rump Yugoslavia, which consists of Serhia and Montenegro, has a population of 10.5

Peace with a terrible price



million, of whom only 70 per cent are Serbs and Montenegrins. There are large minorities of Albanians and Hungarians, who fear that the violent redistribution of nationalities in Croatia and Bosnia is a remorseless process that must extend one day to

their own communities. The same threat hangs over Macedonia, where more than 20 per cent of the two million people are ethnic Alhanians, and whose Slavic majority is not even recognised as a distinct Macedonian nationality hy Greece, Bulgaria and militants in Serbia. If, as

seems likely, the conflicts in Bosnia and Croaoa are to be settled on the basis of allocating three spearate areas for Serbs, Croats and Muslims, this will increase the likelihood of warfare and expulsions of minorities in Macedonia and the Albanian-populated south-ern Serhian province of

Croatia's right-wing nationalist government can argue with some justice that the Krajina Serbs, a com-munity descended from warriors who defended the Habsburg Empire's borders against Turkish attack, have not been expelled

from their native areas hut left of thier own will. President Franjo Tudjman had committed himself to granting some degree of autonomy to the Krajina Serbs

once the war was over.

The fact that tens of thousands of Krajina Serbs chose to flee their bomes, even hefore Croatia's armed forces completed their victory, gives a good idea of what fate the Serbs expected at the hands of their conquerors. Memories of the harbarities committed by Croatia's Nazihacked puppet state in the Forties are still vivid. Even if the Krajina Serbs' fears of

a repeat slaughter were exaggerated, they saw little point in staying in a state that trumpets the Croatian national identity as its core

For the Bosnian Muslims, the future does not look promising. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims bave little prospect of re-turning to the areas of northern and easiern Bosnia from which Serb forces have expelled them since April 1992. Meanwhile, the south-western region of Bosnia-Herzegovina remains firmly under the control of the Bosnian Croass, armed and funded by Zag-

Nominally, the Muslims and Croats of Bosnia are

allied in a federanon that is in turn allied to Croatia. But Mr. Tudjman, like his Serbian rival, President Slobodan Milosevie, displays little enthusiasm for reconstructing an independent Bosnia in its pre-war borders. On the contrary, his private conversations and scribblings indicate a desire to redraw the borders of the Yugoslav successor state, dismantling Bosnia while adding territory to Croatia and Serhia.

The United States, practically the only country with

some influence over Croanan policies, appears no: 10 have anticipated that to strengthen Croatia as a way of shattering the Greater Serbian dream was also 10 enhance Croatian power at the expense of the Bosnian Muslims. As a result of Croatia's victory over the Krajina Serbs, the Muslims are penned between a resurgent Croatian state and a Bosnian Serb region that, despite the current dispute between Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and Mr. Milosevic, will inevitably enter Serhia's orbit. If the U.S. and the Euro-

pean Union (EU) are genuinely committed 10 restoring Bosnia's integrity, there are various forms of pressure that could be used against Croatia and Serbia. Economic sanctions, above all the denial of fresh credits, could be maintained against Serbia. The EU could refuse to consider Croatia as a potential member and deny it a trace accord. Bui yesterday Croatia showed what it thought of the EU, when the government said it would have nothing more to do with EU mediator Carl

It seems more likely that the West will eventually acquiesce in a Yugoslav settlement involving revision of borders. Existing Western-Russian peace proposals come close to acknowledging the need for such a settlement, since they envisage confederai links between Croatia and the part of Bosnia allocated 10 Muslims and Croats; and between Serhia and the part allocated to the Bosnian

Some British politicians wbo specialise in foreign policy have long contended privately that borders will have to change hecause of the enormous scale of the population movements sparked by the Yugoslav wars. It would appear a defeat for Western principles. But it is in reality one more lesson that, if you do not intervene decisively in a war, you cannot expect to control its outcome.

The Independent

Iraq pledges cooperation

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In an interview with the Washington Times, U.S. Secretary of Defence William Perry said the United States would defend Jordan if it was attacked by Iraq.

A U.S. Defence Department official said warplanes from the U.S. aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt, sent to the East Mediterranean after the defections, will join U.S.-Jordanian war games over

the next 10 days. The exercises involving 2,000 Marines as well as Jordanian air, army, navy and special forces had been planned for months but the decision to involve the Roosevelt aircraft was taken in the last two days, the

official said. President Saddam ordered dozens of security officials arrested after the defection of Gen. Hassan, his son-in-law, including the guards that re-fused to follow him into Jor-

Those arrested included members of special services who were close to General Hassan and his brother Saddam Kamel Hassan, wbo

ident's protection. The arrests occurred on Aug. 8, after the two brothers, who were married to President Saddam's daughters, fled with their wives to Jordan, according to the Iraqi National Congress, based in London.

The director of cahinet at the Military Industrialisation Organisation, Gen. Hashem 'Al Takriti, was also arrested along with his assistants, as well as about 120 department heads at the organisation, the INC said in a statement.

Those who preferred to go back to Baghdad after escorting Gen. Hassan to Jordan without knowing it was a defection were also arrested on their return, the statement

President Saddam warned his ministers that they were not above the law following the defection.

The Iraqi leader, who is also prime minister, told his from now on "respect the letter of the law.".

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He was to meet Croatian

President Franjo Tudiman on

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for a limited period," President Saddam told his ministers. "You must respect the state to recover its prestige.

He vowed to take measures against betrayal and corruption during a speech last Friday in which he accused Gen. Hassan of embezzling millions of dollars before he defected.

A senior Syrian official meanwhile urged the Iraqi people to overthrow President Saddam and punish all his Henchmen, whether inside Iraq or outside.

The call to arms was made by Fayez Al Sayegh, directorgeneral and chief editor of the official Syrian News Agency SANA, in an article that appeared aimed against Gen. Hassan.

"When the people take over they will punish all those whose hands were stained with the blood whether they were inside or outside lrag. the article in the official daily Al Thawra said. It did not mention by name

should be made by a popular revolution which will uproot all the symbols of the reg-ime," Mr. Sayegh said.

Necessary tips for aspiring motorists

By Marian Nimry

MY NIECE, Zein, went 'thoom' the other day describing ber already growing passion for her favourite method of transport; "The car". She will grow up fascinated by this wonderful machine that will take her bye bye for many years to come. When she becomes a teenager she will start wishing that ber 18th birthday could somehow be advanced for the purpose (among other things) of obtaining her driver's license; the symbol for so-

Little will she know. then, how to read the road signs, I don't mean the ones that are cemented on the

cial status, maturity and

sides of roads, the ones that nobody adheres to, but other signs; the ones they never teach her at driving schools. These will be the ones she will have to learn the hard way.

A yellow car with the sign "Taxi" on it, is, to say the least, dangerous. Be careful, chances are that even if it is going 100 kms an bour, it may pull over at any second to pick np passen-gers. Zein will have to be ready to slam the brakes at any second. She will have to watch

out for pedestrians for they have a death wish. They can spot an innocent driver a mile away, and they will wait. The moment that the car is a metre or so away from them, then will be the time for them to jump in front of it, striding along calmly with a smug smile on their faces. Once again, my advice to her will be to slam the brakes. On the other hand, driv-

ing school cars and cars with Saudi license plates are highly unpredictable. She will have to keep a watchful eye on them and to be ready for anything. If she bappens to see a

car crawling along as if the driver was looking for an address, then the driver is probably very old. Her best move will be to carefully ease her way around him/ her and by no means honk the horn. This type usually has a bad heart and may

otherwise go off the road. Contrary 10 what some

people may tell her, a red light is not for revving, up her car and yellow does not mean 'Go". She is not a Formula-One driver and the others are not compeditors. On the other band, from a distance, a yellow light just turned from green is not an

invitacion to go as fast as possible before it turns red.

If she is calmly waiting for the lights to change and she feels a truck edging closer, chances are that if she looks sideways then she will see a man. He will be gawking and trying to see as much of her legs as possihle. She could give the man an angry look and he may look away, or, she could patiently philosophise ab-

out the fact that things will

never change.

When she pulls into a gas station to fill ber car with gas and she sees a man smoking a cigarette while pumping a highly flammable liquid into her car; my advice for her is not to panic; to relax. He knows what he is doing.

Finally, she is to warn people who ride with her that she is really a polite little girl and that the language that she may use on the road is not really the language she uses at home.

The writer is a student of English literature at the University of Jordan. She contributed the above article to the Jordan Times.

(Continued from page 1) dan, an opposition group Gen. Hassan. cabinet that "to prevent any Asked about the The change should not be risk of deviation" they should possibility of a Jordanianmade by Saddam's men. It

Saudi summit, the foreign minister said this was an issue that had to be decided hy the two monarch. He expressed hope that the two leaders, who used to meet quite often in the past,

would renew their meetings. On the situation in Iraq. Mr. Kabarili said Jordan was concerned over the plight of the Iraqis, whose country is under international sanctions since August 1990, and the "dangers which pose a threat to Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity with adverse impact on the Arab Nation."

Saudi leaders meet Kabariti

Mr. Kabariti was expected to return to Amman early

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, whose country's relations with Jordan were also strained in the Gulf crisis, was meanwhile quoted as saying that Jordanian-Kuwaiti ties were also improving (see page

Inter-Korean ties feared heading for freeze

By Lee Su-Wan Reuter

SEOUL - By releasing a South Korean rice ship and crew it was holding on spy charges, North Korea has rescued a food aid deal with

But diplomats and analysts have said the episode has further strained ties between the cold war

"The incident further deepened mistrust between the north and I doubt their relations will change for the better in the near future," a Wesiern diplomat said. The North Koreans had

no intendon to bave a dialogue with the South. They are talking with the South just to get rice. All signs show a likely halt in dialogue once rice shipments to the North are com-pleted."

The 9,400-tonne Samsun Venus and its 21 crew members were held for about a week by the North after Pyongyang said a sailor took photographs of Chongjin port, where the ship had docked to unload 5,000 tonnes of rice aid.

On Sunday, Pyongyang released the freighter and its crew following three days of talks in Beijing during which Seoul expressed regret over the incident, assured the North it would not happen again and promised to resume nice shipments.

Seoul officials warned Seoul would consider scrapping rice aid to the North unless the ship and crew

were freed quickly.

Korea is supplying 150,000 tonnes of free rice to the North to ease what Scoul says is a chronic food shortage and to improve oes. Half has been shipped to the North already and the deliveries will be completed by the end of this month.

South Korea had hoped rice talks would lead to steps aimed at ending confrontation with the North on the divided peninsula. the last theatre of the cold

The seizure of the rice ship prompted demands in South Korea that President Kim Young-Sam's government be more careful and less hasty about improving ties with the North.

"Far from receiving 2 thank you note for providing a considerable amount: of free rice to the north, our ship and crew have been detained... and we have been helplessly put into a defensive position in South-North contacts," the Chosun Ilbo newspaper said in

an editorial last week. Kim Chang-Soon, head of the Institute for North Korean Studies, said the North did not appear ready to accept any of Seoul's peace overtures.

"President Kim's government has been under fire for inconsistency in dealing with North Korea.

Croats mass against Serbs

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parties in Bosnia and offers key concessions to the Serbs they accept.

Questioned over the last few days in a number of European capitals, the diplomats disclosed key details of the U.S. plan. It contains many elements of previous peace efforts which have so far had little success.

The plan includes possible territorial trade-offs within Bosnia and the threat of NATO air strikes. .

The proposals have so far met a wary response from Bosnia's Muslim-led government, which fears too many concessions to the Serbs. The Bosnian Serbs carved out a separatist "republic" after Bosnia declared independence from Yugoslavia in

Senior U.S. diplomats met Bosnian and Croatian ministers in a fresh attempt to broker a negotiated settlement but the peace initiative was already coming under

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holhrooke met Croatian Foreign Minister

U.S. dollar rises in Amman Mate Granic near me Adria-

(Continued from page 1) Governor Mohammad

Nahulsi has often issued statements rejecting all rumours and assuring the public that no devaluation of the dinar is in the making.

As the dollar slowly picked up over the past week, Dr. Nahulsi was quoted in the local press as rejecting spe-culation that the decline in the value of the dinar against the greenback was somehow

tied to a devaluation. Dr. Nabulsi noted that he had been in office for 18 years and "every month we hear" rumours that a devaluation of the dinar was coming (see page 9).

Dr. Nahulsi himself and

other CBJ officials have hlamed moneychangers and speculators whom they did not name for fuelling the rumour mill to serve their interests. They have also warned that those who spread rumours with speculative aims involving the national curren ly could be

Thousands of Turks on pilgrimage liberal Muslim

HACIBEKTAS, Turkey (R) Tens of thousands of minority Alevi Muslim in Turkey, asserting their identity after centuries as underdogs, flocked to a dusty town on Wednesday for the start of their biggest ever pilgrimage. More than 100,000 Alevis

were expected in the central. town of Hacibektas for a festival of dancing, singing and poetry at the tomb of a 13th century Islamic mysoc, organisers said. The Alevis, followers of a

Turkish liberal version of Shi-

ism, have long been scorned

hy the orthodox Sunni major-

ity for alleged heresy and the

use of wine and dance during

worship.
Tensions spilled over last March when 17 people died in riots in Istanbul after unknown gunmen opened fire on an Alevi coffeehouse. The riots rocked the country.

President Suleyman Demirel avoided addressing demands from the estimated 10-15 million Alevis to be hrought on a par with the country's Sunnis.

"What is the point of creating animosity between Sunnis and Alevis?" he told the three-day pilgrimage's opening ceremony. "Everyone is equal," he said.

Alevi calls for government aid to build places of worship and permission to teach granted to Sunnis - have grown since 37 people were killed in an Islamist arson attack at an Alevi festival in the town of Sivas in 1993...

Mustafa Ozcivan said. "Things have changed

he told Reuters.

Many pilgrims wore red headbands to commemorate the battle of Kerhala,

Alevism in schools — rights

"For years the state has refused to recognise the Alevis' identity, just like with the Kurds. But now our voice is rising, we're showing our force, "Hacihektas Mayor

since the Sivas massacre. People are coming here in greater numbers every year."

Under an accord signed in Beijing in June, South

CBJ to allow banks to lend in foreign currency

By a Jordan Times

sources said Wednesday new regulations under consideration by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) would allow commercial banks to grant loans in foreign currencies for development projects.

According to the sources, the move would help local commercial banks to benefit from an expected high demand for financing in foreign currency for infrastructure and industrial projects being planned by the government and the private sector in the wake of the state of peace that has been achieved between Jordan and Israel.

Particularly relevant to these projects are a series of economy-related laws that are currently under study by Parliament and expected to be enacted before the Middle East and North Africa economic summit scheduled to be beld in late October, the

sources noted. The projects, in which the private sector is expected to have a major role, are expected to be formally pre-sented and discussed at the summit, which will bring together government leaders. businessmen and economic experts from all over the

According to reports in the local press, CBJ Governor Mohammad Nabulsi believes that allowing local commercial banks, which have high liquidity both in local and foreign currencies after the recent adoption of liberal foreign exchange regulations, to extend loans in foreign currency would benefit them significantly since they would be able to use idle currency and replace foreign finan-

Foreign currency loans will not be available for importing consumer goods.

Bankers noted that the «CBJ plan, expected to be formally announced soon has been following a consistent policy of liberalising banking regulations, particularly those related to foreign currency dealings, while keeping a tight watch on enforce-

"The proposal sends a strong signal of an increasing confidence in the monetary situation of Jordan," said a banking executive, noting that the CBJ recently moved to make the Jordanian dinar fully convertible in line with the international commitment to the International Fund (IMF).

Another move adopted by the CBJ is to raise the capital of local commercial banks to of local commercial banks to a minimum of JD 20 million. reiterated that the government's only aim in seeking an

Kuwait deputies attack debt plan as favouring rich

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait's opposition accused the gov-ernment Tuesday of seeking to enrich politically-powerful debtors at state expense by demanding easier repayment terms for \$20 billion in bad

"The government's sointion is crooked because it will burden the state budget," member of parliament Abdullah Al Nibari said, recommending rejection of a government bill aimed at burying a debt scandal that has enfeebled the economy

for years.
"The big debtors are the ones who affect political decisions," be told a parliamen-tary debate on the bill.
"If we approved this plan, the state would forfeit trust

and dignity," said MP Sharea

Bankers say the 10,000 corporate and individual debtors inclode government officials, some of whom owe millions of dollars. An official list of debtors has oever been

Opposition MPs recommended making debtors pay according to existing settle-ment terms set by a 1993 law aimed at solving the eco-nomy's most intractable problem.

Finance Minister Nasser Al Rodhan denied MPs' accusations of favouritism. He

easing of the terms was to prevent economic damage that might result from debtors rushing to self off

The chamber is due to vote on the bill before Sept. 6, the repayment deadline for those who owe the bulk of the debt. Uoder existing terms the so-called big debtors are required to pay about 2.3 billion dinars (\$7.6 billion) by that date.

While debtors owing small amounts have already complied with the 1993 law and paid up, the larger debtors

have yet to pay.

Economist and bankers have said the plan is lenient to some of the world's wealthiest borrowers and would endanger economic reforms aimed at reducing reliance on

The debt is owed to the government, which bought out commercial banks' holdings of the dubious loans in

The debt derives partly from Iraq's 1990-91 occupa-tion and partly from the 1982 crash of the now defunct Souq Al Manakh informal sourse, which grew dizzily in the 1970s as Kuwaitis borrowed from banks to specu-late on new Gulf investment opportunities

The collapse left a trail of entangled debt. Kuwaiti banks were badly affected by

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Dollar seen heading for 100 yen

TOKYO (Agencies) — With Tokyo's foreign exchange ated move. "The Bundesbank's parti-Tokyo's foreign exchange market dazzled by the dollar's surge, some dealers said Wednesday that a climb above 100 yen is now in

"Many dealers see today's rise as only the beginning, said Hiroyuki Saijo, vice president at Chase Manhattan Bank N.A. in Tokyo.

Concerted action by the central banks of the United States, Japan and Germany overnight set off a dollarbuying clamour in Tokyo. with dealers who had become used to treating such intervention simply as a chance to make profits now fearful of

missing a rally.

The U.S. currency steamed into the 99 yen level for the first time in six months. touching 99.05 yen Wednes-day compared with 94.85/90 yen late Tuesday in Tokyo and a 96.95/05 yen close in New York.

"Whether you won or lost in the recent rally depended on whether you believed in the monetary authorities strong determination (to pusb up the dollar) or not," said Kazunori Iida, deputy general manager at Nissho

"(Their) credibility has been strengthened further after the overnight intervention," he said.

In overnight trade, the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed), the Bank of Japan (BOJ) and Germany's Bundesbank bought dollars for marks and yen. The Swiss National Bank also bought dollars for Swiss francs in the coordin-

cipation was unexpected and shows strongly that the authorities were not satisfied with a dollar rebound to around 94 to 95 yen," said Tetsubiro Tomata, deputy general manager at the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan.

The previous coordinated dollar-buying action on Aug. 2 involved only the Fed and the BOJ.

Officials in Tokyo also reiterated their determination to see a stronger dollar. The dollar is still in the process of the "orderly reversal" targetted by the Group of Seven (G-7) nations, said

of finance. A senior BOJ official said the G-7 nations' resolve was being accepted by the market, adding: "The mood in the market is definitely changing. The credibility of the dollar is growing stronger in the financial markets, not

an official at Japan's ministry

st in the currency market." Many dealers said the 100 en barrier was already within reach as they failed to find any sellers of dollars.

Dealers also said the strong resolve of the monetary authorities was making them wary of being dollar-short, forcing them to keep buying back the dollar after profittaking

Technical charts showed no signs of the dollar's bull run coming to a halt, as its steep climb has broken through all major technical resistance points.

"There's nothing to stop the dollar — it's broken

tion has helped Mexico turn

an \$8,8 billion trade deficit in

the first balf of last year into a

\$3.9 billion surplus this year.

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gone above all trend lines." said Yoshinori Matsushita. chief manager it Mitsubishi

Although most dealers agreed a dollar at 100 yen may be imminent, they doubted it would rise much above this level.

They said failure by the Japanese government to come up with additional measures to back up financial deregolation steps announced on Aug. 2 may lead to disappointment, and inhibit overseas investment by Japanese institutions.

Some dealers also said Washington and Tokyo would not tolerate a dollar above 100 ven, as a stronger dollar would hurt both. Japanese importers and U.S. exporters.

Other analysts in Tokyo said Wednesday that central bank intervention to support the dollar may have only a limited impact as fundamentals undermining the currency persist.

"In my view, this is not a reverse Plaza accord," said Shunsuke Motani, economist with Deutsche Morgan Gren-fell, referring the 1985 agreement between the United States, Japan, Germany. France and Britain to push down the dollar.

"Japan has taken the world economy hostage to its prob-lems," he told AFX-Asia, an AFP-affiliated financial news

"I think 100 yen to the dollar is their target for now," Mr. Montani told AFX-Asia. "In September, 1 expect the yen to strengthen back towards the 97-96 level, or even 95 yen, depending on how far the dollar rises in this

The joint intervention Tuesday was aimed at taking advantage of the fact that Japan usually records a capital outflow in August, ahead of a sizeable inflow in

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

September for the half-year book closing, he said. This capital outflow naturally boosts demand for dollars.

"Although the Bundes-bank was proably the instigator of the intervention, the Fed and Bank of Japan appeared to intervene all the way to 97 yen. said Ronald Leven analyst at Morgan

Guaranty Trust Co. "Ninety-five to 100 yen would be a natural target level if the purpose was to put the Japanese exporters back on a comfortable competitive footing." he added.

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"However, a rising dollar may be a key component to Clinton's reelection strategy," Mr. Leven said. He noted that a stronger dollar would help underpin U.S. bonds, reducing pressure for a hike in U.S. interest rates a nike in U.S. interest rates and helping to hold the U.S. economy and markets stable through the Clinton reelec-

tion campaign.

Germany's decision to intervene despite its longstanding opposition partly re-flected the strong mark's adverse impact on the German economy, dealers said.

"A repo rate cut later in the week by the Bundesbank would confirm its new stance," one economist şaid, "although this may not occur if the dollar-mark remains weak overnight.'

Economists said the recent rouod of central bank intervention also appeared to be aimed at heading off deflationary pressures squeezing the Japan economy.

There can be two scenarios," Mr. Motani said, "Governments around the world have agreed with the idea of a stronger dollar as a trendline for a continued period. Or, they have agreed that the Japan crisis is harmful, and should be avoided."

"If the former stance was adopted at the G-7 Halifax Summit, then concerted intervention would continue through early 1996," he said.

Mexico's economy nosedives as crisis takes its toll investment. But it will be no GDP was far bleaker than Institutional Revolutionary country's financial markets.

MEXICO CITY (R) — Mexico's economy plunged deeper into recession in the second quarter as the crisis sparked by a December currency devaluation took a worse than expected toll, the Finance Ministry said late

In a quarterly statement delivered to Congress, it said the country's gross domestic product (GDP), which measures the total output of goods and services, fell a chilling 10.5 per cent between April and June versus the same period last year.

That may make the situation look worse than it actually is, the ministry said, noting that the data may disguise the fact that the recession has actually bottomed out.

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most economists had expected.

In the first quarter, when Mexico appeared to be on the brink of financial collapse before the United States stepped in with a \$20 billion rescue effort, the economy dipped 0.6 per cent meagre by comparison.

Less than a month ago. Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz said the second quarter slump would be around six per cent. That's more like the figure for the first six months of 1995, when the ministry: said GDP fell an annual 5.8

The depth of the recession may be a shock to Mexico's stock market, which has tended to overlook the economy's woes recently and ral-

THE Daily Crossword by Florence C. Adler

surprise to businessmen,

In recent weeks, business leaders bave pestered President Ernesto Zedillo to take additional steps to ease the burden of heavy taxation and bigh interest rates on cashstrapped firms.

Scores of small- and medium-sized businesses have gone under in the crisis, and many more are threatened by a victous circle of slumping sales, job losses and unpayable debts, the most powerful business chambers-warned in a report

Unemployment has skyrocketed and street crime in the capital has risen alarmingly this year, authorities

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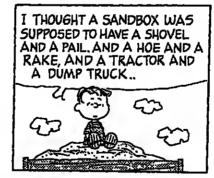


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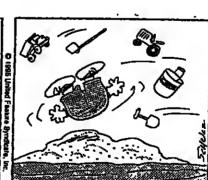


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Andy Capp





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FORECAST FOR THURS-**DAY, AUGUST 17, 1995**

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) During this day, be sure to carry through with any plans made yesterday and be particularly careful in your

activities. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Put some new plan in operation during the morning and in the evening, go after personal matters which are

pressing. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Pursue intimate aims this morning, but tonight, concentrate on your most secret wish. Be thoughtful of

friends. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You can get much completed in the business world during this morning, but later today concen-

trate on personal wishes. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Use your inventive ability today, your ingenuity in bandling new projects and get ahead faster. Plan how to gain greater prestige.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Handle your business affairs brilliantly during the morning, but later gain data you need from an outsider.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Discuss some oew plan with your partners today and then get into the minutiae of such. Show that you are ethical and reliable. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You can get many career activities completed during today which can bring fine benefits. Make right arrangements with your associates.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Early this morning make appointments of a social nature for the future and later tonight get into that workload and clear it up.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Concentrate upon home affairs this morning, but reserve this evening for simple and wholesome pleasures.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Get busy early today at correspondence and other communications and later enjoy your family at

PISCES; (February 20 to March 20) Plan how best to add to your present abundance during this morning and confer with experts this evening for your success.

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A review of economic news from the Arabic press

Tarawneh: No labour discussions with Israel

* SALEH AL Tarawneh, secretary-general of the Ministry of Labour, demed that Israel had requested Jordan for labourers. He pointed out that movement and organisation of labour between Jordan and Israel was not under consideration at present and could be covered through the economic agreement between the two countries. Mr. Tarawneh said the Israeli labour market requires foreign labour in the services and agricultural sectors which are basically the two sectors where Jordanian labour is lacking. As such, Jordan is allowing Arab labourers to work in these two areas, he pointed out and added: "Jordanian labour is highly qualified to be required by Israel." The secretary general also denied Israeli press reports about sending back Jordanian labourers from Israel and stressed that there was no Jordanian labour in Israel. Israeli press has claimed that Jordanian tourists are working illegally in large numbers in the construction sector in israel and that 43 persons were recently sent back (Al Aswaq). ## A NEWLY-registered

company, Universal Hotel

for Tourism (UHT), has plans to start building a 4-star hotel before the end of this year. The 105-room hotel hitech entertainment outlets, several theme restaurants and an abundance of amenities and shops, is expected for completion within two years., The public shareholding company, initially capitalised at JD 6 million, has conducted an extensive study of the hotel market for the next five years and concluded that the driving force for this market segment will be highly dependent on price competitiveness and location suitability, especially with the intense competition and over-supply of mainly five-star hotels that the market had been witnessing in the last year. The total cost of the UHT botel will be about JD 4.8 million, of which JD 450,000 will be for purchasing a 2-dunum land between the Fifth and Eighth circles of Jabal Amman. UHT founders, who are all related to Raja Halazon and to Turino Hotel and Gastronomy Centre Ltd., are undergoing a number of arrangements with potential European hotel management companies to manage and operate the hotel(s) and undertake as agents the operations and management of the company. The UHT company also plans to develop a global network agents through either acquiring nominal interest shares in a number of travel agencies and tour operators or in offering them a share interest in UHT common stock.

☆☆ THE GOVERNOR of Balqa ordered the temporary closure of the Jordan-Danish Dairy Company until the firm brings a filtering machine for yoghurt. The governor also ordered the closure of the Chemical Detergents factory for not abiding by sanitary conditions (Al Ra'i)

☆☆ THE MAYOR of Tafileh dismissed 11 of the 126 employees at the municipality to control expenditures. He said the municipality finances had reached a critical stage after burdened by JD 565,000 in loans and JD 186,000 in debt serving. Noting that the annual income was only JD 358,000. the mayor said that the first shock to the new municipality council was its inability to pay the wages of the employees for three months. He said that the annual pay of the dismissed amounted to ID 13,200 and that there was 51 non-Jordanian sanitary workers who take JD 48,096 in salaries. The mayor explained that 48.5 per cent of the municipality's annual income goes to paying the salaries of the 126 employees and another 48.5 per cent for debt servicing, leaving only three per cent for other ser-

vices (Al Ra'i).

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1995

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Be more willing to state your aims to those about you and gain their cooperation. This is a day for making big progress.

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Founda-

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Find a way to get in to see a bigwig today and impress with your finest capabilities to gain support you need.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) This is a good day for seeing as many persons as you can, both in business and social life and make real progress.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) If you are more efficient and clever at your career activities today, you have a chance to gain more benefits. Show loyalty to loved one. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) New situations arise which are an opportunity to have greater success today, especially via

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Find a better system for handling and initiating new deals this morning and advance more quickly. This evening can be very romantic. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Situations arise which can assist you in becoming more successful today, so be sure to handle them properly. Think constructively. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Enthusiastically get into duties ahead of you today and gain the approval of higher-ups. Rest at home this evening with your loved

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) This is a good day to plan amusements which will bring you surcease from worries and tensions. Spend time with loved one. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Study the situation at home and see how best to improve conditions there. Invite guests in for this evening for a good time. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have fine ideas today for adding to your abundance and should put. them in operation quickly. Listen to a successful person. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You can be more successful by utilising new methods and ideas for forging ahead thereby.

Birthstone of August: Peridot - Golden Quartz





Jordan hopes to see accord on Middle East development bank

By Rana Sabbagh

AMMAN - Jordan said Wednesday it was optimistic of agreement on some sort of Middle East development bank before an economic summit in Amman in October, despite continuing disagreements over its role.

Planning Minister Rima Khalaf-Hunaidi told Reuters she hoped for an announcement in the summit's final decleration although details would remain to be worked "We have not yet reached

structure of financing mechanisms for the region. she said, aeknowledging dif-ferences between Washington and its European allies. "Once agreement is

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reached on this, or on establisbing the regional bank. there will still remain many issues to be resolved, including lending practices and the types of financing extended to the countries of the region," she said.

"But 1 am optimistie that some sort of an agreement will be reached before the Amman summit." Mrs. Khalaf-Hunaidi added.

The summit may choose something less than a bank as a compromise between the United States and Europe. Jordanian officials said. A figancial intermediary could mobilise funds from existing financial institutions.

Washington, backed by leaders together.

Israel and most of its Arab neighbours, wants a bank to finance development in the region as part of Middle East peace process.

But the European Union (EU) says there are enough lenders in the area and argues that the World Bank and the EU's investment bank have already pledged \$3 billion to

"I am not saving, however, that such an agreement necessarily will be to the satisfaction of each and every country involved," the Jordanian minister said. "At that point, I am sure

each country will be able to take a decision regarding joining the bank based on an assessment of whether the arrangements are consistent with its national interests and regional objectives," she Washington insists the

bank operate on a commercial basis rather than have concessional windows' which poorer countries like Jordan want.

Two of the main supporters of the bank, Egypt and Jordan are openly lobbying to have the headquarters of the proposed bank

More than 1,000 government leaders and businessmen will attend the three-day Amman conference starting Oct. 29. It is a follow-up to last November's Casablanca economie summit that for the first time brought Arab and Israeli political and business

Lebanese company makes pioneering derivatives sales

BEIRUT (R) - A Lebanese firm sold the country's first over-the-counter (OTC) options Tuesday, writing contracts on Lebanese liras and treasury bills.

Omar Naja, managing director of Pan Arab Investment Development SAL, told Reuters a Geneva-based Labanese investor bad bought call (buy) options on two-year treasury bills worth (\$1.3 million).

Earlier, Pan Arab had sold \$250,000 of two-year treasury bills with an August 1997

maturity to a London-based U.S. prime dealer against a matching put (sell) option on Lebanese liras. Options are financial pro-

ducts dervied from an underlying security like a bond or share which give an investor the right but not the obliga-

Bought by speculators to also be used by investors wanting to protect themselves against adverse market

Suez Canal officials considering price cut to lure back trade

January.

CAIRO (AFP) - The Suez Canal authurities are considering price cuts to try to reverse the waterway's declining traffic figures, officials said Wednesday.

"We are currently studying possible reduction in tariffs to deal with the fall in the number of oil tankers using the canal," a canal official

said, asking not to be named. Prices are reviewed every October and the new tariffs

come into force the following

"The Sumed oil pipeline, the Suez Canal's maina competitor, is at the root of the fall in the number of oil

tankers," the official said. Tural shipping also fell — from 8,355 in 1994 to 7,617 in 1995, a drop of 10 per cent. Revenue from the canal is

Egypt's second largest source A total of 1,288 tankers of foreign currency after reused the cana, in the first mittances from Egyptians quarter of 1995 compared to working abroad and ahead of oil and tourism earnings. The canal earned \$1.9 bil-1.396 in the same period last

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year. Egyptian Oil Minister Hamdi Al Banbi announced last week an 80-million-tonne increase in the capacity of the Sumed pipeline, which runs between Suez and the Mediterranean.

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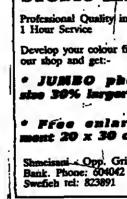


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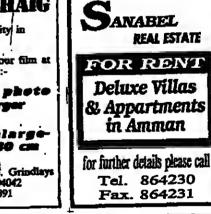
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By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Seventy two participants will be testing their driving skills when the country's most popular auto event - the Rumman Hill Climb - begins Friday morning.

The event has attracted the country's top competitors vying for advanced standings in the 1995 Jordan Driver's Open Championship. In addition three top Lebanese competitors and two from the United Arab Emirates are taking

Competitors in the two session event will be trying to break the record for the 3 kilometre-long event which was set by His Majesty King Hussein in 1989 in his Mercedes 190 with a time of 2 minutes 02.42 seconds.

Organised by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan (RACJ), the Rumman Hill Climb has been held since 1956 in the beautiful scenicarea 30 kilometres north of Amman, off the Jarash highway, just north of Rumman Village.

Last year's winner and Jordan Driver's Open champion Bashar Bustami will be driving a Ford Sierra Cosworth, so will Ma'rouf Ahu Samra who has had a good year win-ning last month's National Rally and finishing third overall in the Jordan International Rally.

1993 Driver's Open champion Amjad Farrah will be in an Opel Manta 400, Ahmad Al Daoud in a Ford Fiesta XR2i, and Lebanon's Jean Pierre Nasrallah will be in a Lancia Delta Integrale.

The cars have been divided into seven classes depending on engine capacity and degree of modification from the standard base



His Majesty King Hussein attending one of his favourite sporting events — the Rumman Hill in 1989 (File photo)



One of the competitors in last year's Pepsi Rumman Hill Climb on his way up the scenic hill (File photo)

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List of entrants

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All-Africa Games fighting funding problems

HARARE (R) - With barely a month to go before Zimbabwe bosts the All-Africa Games, the continent's premier sporting event, organisers are hattling to overcome severe funding problems.

Officials are publicly optimistic that preparations will be complete before 6,000 competitors and officials

from 42 African countries arrive, but in private many are dismayed at government de-lays in providing cash.

Organising committee chairman Tommy Sithole told a news conference on Tuesday night that despite "some problems" the games would go ahead on time. "The truth is that there has

not been enough money allo-cated by government. When we started preparing we knew that there was not going to be enough money he said.

The committee says President Robert Mugabe's cashstrapped government has spent over \$23.3 million on facilities and an unspecified

In Zimhahwe's 1995/96 national budget announced last month, the government set aside \$6 million for the national sports commission, tasked with overseeing the September 13-23 games.

pras defeated fellow American Vince Spadea 7-5, 6-4 But the vote has still to go while the I31st-ranked Golthrough parliamentary procemard beat the 15th-ranked dures before the money is Courier in a tough 6-7 (5-7) handed over.

China hits back at calls for Olympic ban

BEIJING (AFP) — China on Wednesday hit hack at calls that it's swimmers he banned from next year's Olympic Games because of drug suspi-

"People most not forget the efforts made by the Chinese Swimming Federation to combat drug taking." said an official for the Chinese State Sports Com-

China's swimmers have been under a drug cloud since seven of them - including two world champions tested positive at last year's Asian Games in Hiroshima. China was banned from

last week's Pan Pacific swimming championships in Atlanta, next year's Olympic hosts, because of the drug scandal.

And at the championships. swimmers from Australia. United States, New Zealand and Canada, backed by the World Swimming Coaches Association, called for the Chinese to be kept out of the Atlanta Games. They demanded a strict anti-doping programme be adopted.

But the commission official said China was prepared to cooperate with any action to

wipe out drug taking.

He reaffirmed the official stance that "the drug problems in Chinese sport in recent months were the result of individual acts, to generalise would be to condemn the majority of innocent swim-

Orthodoxi upset Jazireh 66-62 in U-22 basketball championship

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Al Ahli await Thursday's match against Al Jazireh to secure their place atop the standings in the Under-22 basketball charnpionship playoffs.

The only unbeaten team so far, Al Ahli proved they are the title favourites after 87-64 and 97-95 wins over Al Orthodoxi and Al Yarmouk.

Meanwhile, titleholders Al Jazireb suffered a setback Tuesday evening when they lost 66-62 to Al Orthodoxi. The latter had missed last year's championship and will next face Al Yarmouk in an easy match. The second round of the playoffs begin

Sunday.
Ashraf Samara, playing his first season for Al Orthodoxi after transferring from lowly Al Abbasi, led his new team to victory over Al Jazireh whose players seemed all a loss and hardly displayed their better-known form. Al Orthodoxi had the up-

per hand and were the better team throughout the close match leading 22-19 before Jazireh's Ma'an Odeh tied the score at 24-24. The first half ended 28-28. Al Jazireh applied a full

court press defence at the beginning of the second half as Ghaith Ennabi, Naser Alawneh, and Yousef Abu Baker scored while Odeh secured rebounding to lead 3733. But Al Orthodoxi seemed first round of the tournament determined not to let the match slip out of their hands as they scored by Mahmoud Sha'han, Ihab Msih and Samara to tie the game 42-42.

Ennahi and Alawneh gave their team the lead 46-42 but Al Orthodoxi took control from that point on with Samara rebounding and con-verting almost all free throws while Jazireb's players had inaccurate shots and Alawneh missed half a dozen free throw that could have signifi-

cantly altered the result.

Al Orthodoxi's Nasser Bassam managed to hamper his opponents with many stars Abu Baker, Ennabi and Munther Muheisen seat out the match which ended with

like Riyad Ayesh, Ramez Hammoudeh, Mohammad Shamali, Zeid Alkhas, Faisal fouls and together with Samara maintained their Nsour, Ghaith Ennabi, Yousef Abu Baker, Naser team's lead as Jazireh's coacb enlisted the efforts of bench Alawneh, Ma'an Odeh, players while the team's key Ziyad Nabulsi, Nasser Bas-

sam, Mahmoud Sha'han, Ihab Msih, Mustafa Al Ghoul, Fadi Al Sagga, Hani Al Orthodoxi win 66-62. Taher and many others. Teams eliminated in the

Today's matches at Al Ahli court

* Yarmouk-Orthodoxi Thurs. 17/8 5 pm.

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the title after a 98-94 win over

Al Ahli in overtime. Al Ahli

were leading 48-39 at half-time. Al Jazireh had won

their first leg match 82-66.

Federation hopes the playoff

round will give them a good

chance to single out the U-22

national team as there is an

abundant number of qual-

ified players in this age-group

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Seles returns in triumph, Graf upset at Canadian Open

TORONTO (R) — Monica Seles played her happiest 60 minutes of tennis in more than two years on Tuesday, beating American Kimberly Po .6-0 6-3 to celebrate her return to tournament competition at the Canadian

The 21-year-old Seles's comeback from 28 months off the tour after being stahhed at a tournament in Hamburg was a smashing success as she blasted two-handed groundstrokes with pace and precision to outgun the 133rd-

But in another secondround match, her co-number one seed Steffi Graf was upset 3-6 6-2 7-6 (8-6) hy South African Amanda Coetzer, It was Graf's first loss in seven tournaments this year and ended a 32-match winning streak for the 26-year-old German.

Seles lapped up the fans' appreciation of her return. After belting a forehand winner on match point, she shook hands with Po, then ran over to embrace her parents seated in a courtside box. She then walked back out onto the court and spent two minutes waving to spectators, who were on their feet

applauding.
"For a long time everything was dark. Now I see the

sun again," Seles said.
"I think I played pretty
well," she said, "but all I
could ever ask for is just to be out there playing again, so it's great.'

Even though it took Po 38 minutes to finally win a same — at 6-0 2-0 — the match was fairly competitive, with nine of the 15 games going to deuce. But Seles was able to hold off Po when she closed to 3-4 in the second set.



Steffi Graf

Seles was to go back on court to play 17th-ranked Frenchwoman Nathalie Tauziat less than 16 hours

after beating Po.
"It should be a tough match · so I'll have to be ready," Seles said, contrasting it with her exhibition with Martina Navratilova on July 29. "It's not like when I played Martina when I slept for a day and a half after-

Giggling, she added: "I can't do that."

Po said she enjoyed playing before the enthusiastic centre court crowd of 8,206 and noted: "Monica hit deep and with great angles. I thought she played really

To a suggestion that Seles was not moving as well as she used to, Po replied: "Maybe

wrongfooted her. But I've only played her once before. Maybe if Steffi played her The third set was a seesaw

she seemed a little slow a

couple of times when I

affair in which Graf trailed 2-3 but then led 4-3, 40-15 before Coetzer drew level at 4-4. Graf eventually served for the match up 6-5 in the final set. But at 30-all Coetzer

blasted a screaming forehand service return winner, then won the game when Graf netted a backhand. In the tiebreak, Graf made

no unforced forehand errors and doublefaulted to trail 0-

Down triple matchpoint at 3-6, he railied to 6-all but then a lame backhand service return into the net and a

forehand drive into the alley allowed Coetzer to record her first victory in seven matches with Graf. This is without a doubt

the best win of my career, said Coetzer, who said she has been helped hy new coach Gavin Hopper of Australia.

"I just made too many mistakes," said Graf, who was playing her first tournament since winning Wimbledon on July 8.

Graf said she had been able to practise for only nine. or I0 days before the tournament and recently had been unable to train at all for five or six days because of her recurring back problems.

"I can't expect not to practise and get into tournaments and win. That's not something I believe in."

Sampras wins, Courier ousted at RCA tourney 6-4, 7-6 (7-I) battle.

INDIANAPOLIS (R) — Top-seeded Pete Sampras held to form winning his second-round match on Tuesday but fifth-seeded Jim Courier was upset by Jerome Golmard of France at the \$1.04 million RCA Championships.

The second-ranked Sam-

"It was very exciting to win a match like this one," said Golmard through an interpreter about his best career victory.

"I got cramps in my thigh 2-all in the third set. Generally when I get cramps, there is no way I can recover. But this time because it was Jim Courier in front of me, I had the motivation to fight as hard as I could. And it work-

Courier had a number of chances in the final set to secure a third-round berth. Serving for the match at

5-3, Courier double-faulted twice, including on game point, to let Golmard back into the match.

At 30-40 on Golmard's serve in the 12th game. Courier had a match point in which be netted a hackhand. Courier never got into the tiebreaker against the left-

banded Golmard, losing the first six points. "I just played a had breaker." Courier said. "He didn't have to do anything. I just made mistakes.

Sampras, who visibly faded from the heat to Michael Stich of Germany at last week's ATP championship, said that although it was still humid Tuesday evening. he was in much hetter shape this

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Ferrari sign Schumacher; Alesi moves to Benetton

MARANELLO, Italy (AP)

— Famed Italian Formula One team Ferrari issued a terse, three-line news release Wednesday, confirming last week's widely reported signing of Michael Schumacher to a two-year contract. The 26-year-old German

will complete this season with Benetton-Renault and then begin driving for Ferrati in

Meanwhile, the Benetton team announced in London that it signed Frenchman Jean Alesi for 1996 and 1997 seasons to replace Schumacher, a swap of the teams' top drivers.

Alesi, 31, who was bighly touted when he joined Ferrari in 1991 to start his third season in Formula One, has only one Grand Prix victory in 61/2 years on the circuit, that coming earlier this year.

Schumacher, who is the defending Formula One champion and holds an Itpoint lead over Damon Hill (56-45) in the chase for this year's crown, is in his third season with Benetton.

With the retirement of Alain Prost and the death of Ayrton Senna, Schumacher has inherited the mantle of being Formula One's pre-

Wednesday's announcement by Ferrari officially ended weeks of rumours and speculation about the socalled "deal of the century" - the largest driver's contract in Formula One history.

Published reports said the contract was worth 40 billion lire (\$24 million) a year for Schumacher.

Ferrari did not disclose terms of the contract for the 1996 and 1997 seasons, which leam sources said provides an option for a third year exten-

The transfer of Schumuchet to Ferrari and of Alesi tu Benetton was expected to spark a shuffle in the driving rosters for Formula One teams next season.

Austrian veteran Gerhard Berger, the Other Ferrari driver, was reportedly negotiating with MeLaren while Williams-Renault, which recently extended the contract of Damon Hill, announced on Wednesday the signing for young Canadian Jacques Villeneuve as its second driver for 1996.

Villeneuve, Indianapolis 500 champion and current Indycar pooints leader, will replace David Coulthard who's likely to join either Benetton or McLaren.

Ferrari sources said Schumacher's transfer to Ferrari was announced following the formal signing at a "secret location" Monday,

However, the news was widely expected after Giovanni Agnelli, the chairman of Ferrari's parent company Fiat of Turin, revealed the acquisition was a done

"When you have such a driver as Schumacher, if you don't win it's the team fault," Agnelli said, laying down the challenge for the Ferrari team next season.

Schumacher, who was married two weeks ago, is leaving one of the most successful teams in hopes of reviving the tarnished luster of Ferrari.

The tralian team, which has won more constructors' titles (eight), more races (105), more pole positions (113), and contested more races (546) than any other team in Formula One history,



Michael Schumacher has won only twice in the last

41/2 years. The signing of Schumaeher was known to be part of hroad commercial plan by Ferrari, including agreements which new commercial sponsors likely to finance most of the deal with the German

Both Ferrari and Benetton said their complete driver lincup for the next season will be announced at a later date. British driver Johnny Herbert, Benetton-Renault's No. this season, may be also leaving the Italian-British

Flavio Briatore, the Italian manager of Benetton, said the combination of "Jean's outstanding talent and our team's unique expertise will provide a new challenge for everybody at Benetton formula next year."

He added he wished Schumacher all the best with his

Women's Basketball Championship Ahli face Jazireh in opening match

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — It is once again time for the annual women's hasketball championship, and once more competition has again narrowed down to three teams.

However, a different atmosphete sutrounds the competi-The game is on a high note at the moment after the

women's national team's first participation in the recently concluded Asian Championship which was held July 23-30 This was a first for Arab and Jordanian basketball, and

ave the Kingdom's players an incentive to play after the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF) finally tegrouped the national team following a 12-year absence. With limited and insufficient prepartion, Jordan came in fifth in Level B and the team's top scoret and rebounder Jumana Salti was chosen among the top five players.

The women's game needed the national ream spirit. Players who were obsuinate opponents playing only for their respective clubs over the past years have now become good friends and are more than teady to join hands to further improve the national team and represent the Kingdom in upcoming regional and international competi-

However, that will be put on hold for the coming three weeks until after the women's 1995 championship is

The JBF has decided to hold the event in three rounds. giving the teams a chance to play more matches. Al Jazireh meet Al Ahli in the opening match at Al Ahli's court at 6 p.m. Friday. The event will conclude Aug. 31.

Competition is expected to be close with litleholders Al

Orthodoxi aiming 10 retain their title while Al Jazireh will play with an incomplete lineup with five key players missing the competition for a host of reasons. Al Ahli who stayed out of the competition last season have been preparing for a strong comeback after their third place

In fact the number of competing teams has never gone above four in the past five years,

With no competitions held between 1985 and 1988, Orthodoxi, Ahli and Homentmen started women's basketball's latest comeback in 1989 as Orthodoxi kept a powerful grip on the title. After two seasons Al Jazireh entered the compention finishing fourth behind the three aforementioned teams in 1991. Al Jazireh then look third place from Homentmen in 1992 and clinched the trophy by scoring a major upset of Al Orthodoxi in 1993 as Al Ahli fell back to

missing the competition. Al Orthodoxi regained the crown last year in an incomplete championship when Al Jazireb abruptly pulled out of the competition citing differences with the JBF while the only other competing team was Abu Nusair, a lowly newcomer. Homentmen and Al Ahli stayed out of the competition with an incomplete lineup, while Al Watani registered a team for the first time but did not take

"We are eager to play, despite missing five key players," Jazireh's head coach Fadi Sabbah told the Jordan Times." However, this will be a good chance for our bench and

younger players," he added. Al Jazireh will be missing two key starters: Suhair Makusi, who suffered an aggravated knee injury in Japan and Jumana Salti who might only play two matches before she leaves for the U.S. to continue her studies. Teammates Rana Husseini, Tamara Al Khadra, Dima Shadid and Maryam Ta'ani are abroad. The former titleholders are thus left with players Hala Muheisen, Tala Al Mauge and Rania Dajani together with a group of younger players.

Al Orthodoxi have Dima and Ghadad Qandah teaming up with Hind Ghouri and Zina Farah. Veteran Shireen Abu Khader is now back on the team and Jihan Abdulnour might also join her teammates if she takes leave from her work in Beirut

Al Orthodoxi's coach, Amer Taleb, could not be reached for comment.

Al Ahli have a lineup of relatively inexperienced players after a transitional period in the past years when many of their top players quit the game. Al Ahli also missed the competition last year, but now have a group of eager players like Andeira Kasesieh, Sirsa Naghaway, Tetyana Qardan, Zein Sha'sha' and others.

This is just a starting point for our newly-regrouped team," said Al Ahli's coach Ghaith Al Najjar. "Most of out players are comparatively young and will be playing their first championship.'

Like other teams. Najjar said his team lacked match experience because there were no other teams to play against. "The three participating teams could only play against their boy's teams. However I am glad that the JBF decided to have a three-round competition. It is very

Schedule of first round (all at Ahli court)
Jazireh-Ahli	Fri. 18/8 6 p.m.
Orthodoxi-Ahli	Sat. 19/8 6 p.m.
Jazireh-Orthodoxi	Mon. 21/8 6 p.m.

Tyson tries to put years of turmoil behind him

LAS VEGAS (AFP) — Mike Tyson says his fight with Peter McNeeley on Saturday will prove he is the same fighter he was before he spent three years in prison. But he vows he will never be

the same man. Tyson was convicted of raping beauty pageant con-testant Desiree Washington on February 10, 1992. It was the culmination of years of personal turmoil that started before he was a teenager and spiraled as he became the youngest world heavyweight

champion in history. Tyson was just 20 when he won the World Boxing Council title by knocking out Trevor Berbick on November 22,

He won the World Boxing Association title on points from James "Bonecrusher" Smith on March 7, 1987, then became undisputed champion on August t of that year by winning the International Boxing Federation utile from Tony Tucket on points.

But his reign was studded with lurid incidents — a street brawl with heavyweight Mitch Green, problems with women, a car park attendant who accused Tyson of striking him.

His stormy marriage to actress Robin Givens gave the tabloids more fodder. They were divorced in June 1989. and seven months later the once invincible "tron Mike" was knocked out by James "Buster" Douglas in the 10th round in Tokyo.

Tyson has admitted his lifestyle had interferred with his boxing.

"t knew I could beat those guys." he said in one interriew. "I wasn't interested. I just wanted to have fun back then. I had been fighting for a long time. I never had time to myself.

But the man who once prided himself on being wild" now speaks of being 'humble." He also speaks of trust, betrayal and self-

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trust in your decisions." Tyson said. "From now on I am going to make my own mistakes and go with my own

judgment. "That's how come I learned to be humble, so that don't talk about nobody, I don't get arrogant about nobody. I have the same malice in my heart as far as the fight game is concerned, but outside the ring, I won't say anything a dignified man

won'I say. Tyson credits his prison conversion to Islam with the

But some observers say Tyson's decision to stick with controversial promoter Don King means Tyson will find himself a mere performer in the same old.

King has kept a low profile since Tyson was freed, but there's no doubt that he has influence with Rory Holloway and John Home, the ehildhood friends Tyson named as his co-managers.

"Mike lets us do our jobs and he does his job," Horne said. "Rory, myself and Mike make the decisions, but we respect Don Kong. We use his knowledge and exper-

Even before his first fight, Tyson was embroiled in controversy over his second. The bout against an as-yet unnamed opponent was scheduled for November 4 - the same date announced by heavyweight rivals Evander Holyfield and Riddick Bowe.

And the controversy over Tyson's conviction and imprisonment will not go away, The fighter had a civil suit by Washington settled out of

court for an undisclosed sum.

but he continues to maintain his innocence. His admirers paint him as a victim, but a rally in Harlem to honour Tyson erupled in aerimony last month when critics suggested Tyson did not deserve any accolades,

lars he will earn upon his return to the ring.
Critics urge Tyson to apologise to Washington and

speak out about violence against women. "I don't think there is ever going to be an apology," said

fight commentator Ferdie Pacheco. "Mike Tyson still thinks he was wrongly impris-Patheco contrasted Tyson's return to that of

years for refusing to fight in "The difference is, Ali came back a hero," Pacheco said. "Mike hast lost his public and has to win it back. We'll see what happens. It's

While Tyson is happy to talk about his new maturity and his new faith, he brushes off all references to Washington, and tries to turn the much less the millions of dolquestions back to McNeeley.

Parking lot.

GOTEBORG (AP) - Carl Lewis, who didn't manage to compete at the fifth world championships, thought they

were boring. Michael Johnson, who did and went home with three gold medals and the unofficial title of world's best track athlete, didn't agree.

"It was a great week. I'll never forget it," said the athlete who went close to breaking two world records and became the first man to Mohammad Ali, who was win both the 200 and 400 banned from boxing for three titles at a major international

championship. After running the fourth leg of the 1600 relay, Johnson wound up with more gold medals than any other athlete from the fifth worlds. He now totals six, four fewer than an on-going soap-opera dra-Lewis, who failed to compete in the long jump or relay

because of injury. There were other athletes who probably would disagree with Lewis. Triple jumper Jonathan

Edwards broke the world re-

cord rwice with back-to-back leaps, sprinter Gwen Torrence crossed the line first in three races but was disqualified in one and het rival, Metlene Ottey, went home with three more medals to take her total to 13, three

Johnson satisfied with World Championships

more than Lewis. Kim Batten and Tonja Buford were inside Sally Gunnell's world tecord for the 400 metres hutdles, only .0t separating the two Americans as they dipped for the

Triple jumper Inessa Kravets added .41 cen-Umetres to the world record and Cuban long jumper Ivan Pedroso, who's waiting to heat if his leap of 8.96 is ratified to beat Mike Powell's world mark, took away the American's world title.

Because he was injured. Lewis didn't get the chance to contribute to the American team's total of 12 golds two silvers and five bronze medals. No other nation managed to get more than two golds.

Sergei Bubka maintained his sweep of titles in the pole vault, taking it to five, and four athletes, decathlete Dan O'Brien, steeplechaser Moses Kiptanui, discus thrower Lars Riedel and

dine Morceli, all won for the third time in a row. In Sunday's final day of

competition, the U.S. swept both women's relays.

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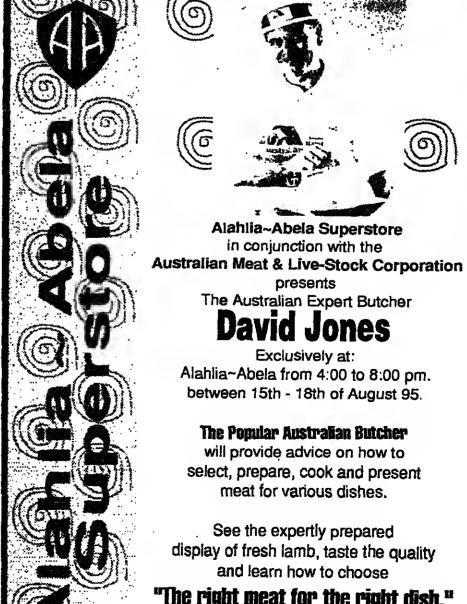
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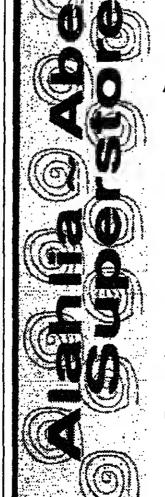
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Her reference was to prop-

osals voiced by some early

detractors of the bank con-

cept in Europe and among

some Gulf Arab states. With

regards to the latter, she ex-

plained that the Gulf states

have been coming to the task force meetings but "some

may be taking a wait-and-see

attitude to see what happens

with the whole (Mideast)

PARIS (R) — Algeria's Prime Minister Mokdad Sifi

bas said that any failure to

hold presidential elections

this year would worsen the

country's civil strife and

through difficult times, it can

not run the risk of a (poll)

failure which will only in-

crease our people's sufferings

and call into question (Alger-

ia's) unity and independ-

ence," Mr. Sifi told the governors of the country's 48

regions who are meeting to

sion which we must carry... in

spite of the obstacles... com-

iog either from political

aspects and rumours or va-

rious sabotages," Mr. Sifi,

who heads a government poll

task-force, said in his speech

which was carried by the state

The country's oppositioo groups, including Muslim militants fighting the security

forces, bave rejected Presi-

dent Liamine Zeroual's call

for presideotial elections be-

The opposition urged in-

stead the army-backed au-

thorities to resume negotia-

tions with the fundamental-

ists leaders to stop the vio-

lence.
There has been an upsurge

of violence in recent weeks

with a spate of car bombs

attacks by the Muslim rebels

across the country after the

failure of an earlier round of

taiks between the govern-

Mr. Sifi, who called the

two-day meeting with the loc-

al officials to assess the pol'

preparations, urged Als -

rians to take part in the up-

coming election, saying the

fulfil your election duty and

voice your goodwill. We say

to the politicians: Take over

your responsabilities towards

the country and history," he

"We say to the citizens, do

ment and Islamist leaders.

fore the end of the year.

"We have a historical mis-

plot the poll organisation.

"Because Algeria is going

threaten its unity.

Sifi urges support

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But Kuwaiti deputies and officials say the depth of

Mideast Development Bank to be launched at Amman summit

The upcoming Amman ecosaying that they are absolutenomic summit will ratify the ly not going to join." establishment of the con-The three-day Amman troversial Middle East Desummit will be opened by velopment Bank, one of four King Hussein on Oct. 29 and institutional bodies to be promises to be a smaller icunched next October in event tban its Casablanca support of the concept of predecessor and more fo-"public-private partnership" cused on key sectors. Presidents Bill Clinton and Boris endorsed last year at the in-Yeltsin are the official cosugural economic parley in Casablanca. sponsors of the Middle East/ This was confirmed in an North Africa Economic Suminterview with Susao Levine, mit conference, an element co-leader of the U.S. delegaof the Middle East peace

process aimed at encouraging tion to the multinational task force fine-tuning the sum-mit's agenda. "We had a regional economie cooperation and development. Organised by the World sufficient number of countries supporting the bank (at Economic Forum of Switzerour recent meeting in Mosland, the summit's plenary sessions will have four major cow) that we are going to be able to announce it in Amthemes: trade and industry, infrastructure, investment She added matter-ofand finance, and the econo-"We bad some real

mic environment. About 150 American companies are expected to attend the conference, which will include project briefings, workshops and roundtables. In respsonse to criticism of the largely political meeting in Casablanca last year, the organisers are hoping these sessions will provide an informal and productive atmosphere for business people and government officials to pursue specific business opportunities and cuter into joint

Speaking ou a recent tele-

President Zeroual met on

Tuesday leaders of two small

political groups who are

backing the election bid. He

held talks on Sunday and

Mooday with political fi-

gares, incloding three former

prime ministers and three

other political parties suppor-

tive of the government's poli-

have been killed in Algeria

civil strife since the anthor-

ities cancelled a general elec-

tion in January 1992 which

the Islamists were poised to

Headless bodies found

were found in an Islamic fun-

damentalist stronghold io

western Algeria in the latest

of a string of massacres targetting civilians, a news-

paper reported Wednesday.

A group of around 20 armed militants stormed the

village of Zeddiue on Suoday

and abducted seven people.

the daily Al Watan said. The

attackers slit the captives'

throats and then bebeaded

Zeddine is near the town of

Al Watan also reported

that police defused three car-

bombs Sunday and Monday

in Algiers. They were found

outside a cemetery, a local

police station and outside a building in a working class neighbourbood. Two car-

bomb blasts last week in

Algiers left 1g people in-

The Algerian press last week also reported a series of gun attacks targetting civi-lians, which it blamed on

Muslim extremists fighting the military-backed government in Algiers.

In one incideut, assailants

with machine-pistols killed a

family of five people in

Bouinan, 30 kilometres south

of Algiers, after one of them

refused to collaborate with

the fundamentalists.

Rouina, a hotbed of Islamic

fundamentalist activity.

them, it added.

Seven decapitated bodies

More than 30,000 people

for presidential poll PoWs in 1967 war

Spero, undersecretary of State for Business, Economic and Agriculture Affairs, spelled out the steps the private and the public sectors have to undertake if their new partnership is to flourish: "The private sector must provide the entrepreneurial talent, investment capital, and technical expertise for development. The public sector must improve the economic en-

> ulation, privatising industry, and improving the iuvestment climate. The Middle East Development Bank is one of the four institutional bodies to be officially inaugurated at the Amman Summit. All feature regional government and private sector participation. The

vironment by liberalising

trade policies, reducing reg-

other three are: A Regional Business Council, which will be a private, non-profit association that is intended to promote and facilitate regional trade and investment;

 A Regional Tourism Board, which will focus on developinig tourism and marketing regional tourism

- An Executive Secretariat, whih will work to advance the public-private partnership by promoting contacts and fostering private

revelation about prisoner

killings, an Israeli army sol-

dier said Wednesday that he

witnessed two Israeli army

cooks stab to death three

Egyptian prisoners of war

(PoWs) in the 1967 Middle

former parliament member

Michael Bar-Zobar, spoke

out on Israel Radio about the

killings a day after Egypt

asked Israel to investigate

claims by a retired Israeli

general that he and another

officer shot dead 49 Egyptian

PoWs in the 1956 Mideast

Mr. Bar-Zohar, a form

legislator in Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin's Labour Par-

ty, said the killings took place

in the Sinai peninsula in June

"I saw suddenly a gather-ing of soldiers near a barbed

wire fence. I went there and

saw with my own eyes... two

cooks with knives in broad

daylight. They simply slaughtered three prisoners,"

"This incideot has haunted

me for a long time. I saw this

murder and lots of soldiers

stood around me and no one

Mr. Bar-Zohar said be

took the cooks to the tent of

the battalion commander.

and that the two were

arrested. He did not say what

Mr. Bar-Zohar said he

kept quiet about the killings

of the three PoWs he witnes-

sed becaused be feared Arab

troops would retaliate in

Israeli military historian

Meir Pail said be knew of

several cases in which officers

or enlisted men killed Arab

He said the offenders were

seoteuced secretly by military

courts, but that the military

censor barred publication of

"There used to be a policy

such cases until recently.

of not publishing this. The

PoWs or civilians.

happened to the cooks.

Mr. Bar-Zohar said.

lifted a finger."

gion. The secretariat was established in Morocco shortly after the Casablanca meet-

The development bank, proposed originally by Jordan, Israel, Egypt and the Palestinians, is expected to have three primary points of focus, according to Levine. These are:

 A regional infrastruc-ture in which the bank would play a co-financing role with other existing financial institutions:

- A private sector mandate to belp develop the private sector in the region; A consultative body which will discuss economic and trade policies.

The capital of the bank she continued, will be \$5 billion with a paid-in capital of 25 per cent or \$1.25 billion. To underline its magnitude, she cited the European Baok for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), which has a paid-in capital of \$10 billion but bas many more countries to cover in Eastern Europe and the for-

mer Soviet republics. Ms. Levine emphasised that the bank, as in the European case, will not have a soft-loan window, although provisions will be made for the use of voluntary trust

(Continued on page 3)

deal with this in the closed

circle of the military," Mr.

Pail, a colonel in the army

reserves and battalion com-

the Associated Press.

mander in the 1956 war, told

office bad no immediate com-

on condition of anonymity

that Israeli pilots and other

prisoners had been killed by

Egypt and that neither coun-

try had an interest in making

an issue of such incidents

Israeli military correspon-

dent, said that in the 1948

Mideast war. Egyptian troops

murdered an Israeb recon-

naissance squad, then cut off

the meu's sex organs and

gouged oot their eyes. The

a friend of Mr. Schul's, were

found by their comrades

propped up against sand dunes, their eyes placed in their hands, Mr. Schul said.

the 1973 Mideast war, his

own paratroop unit came close to killing PoWs in the

Mr. Bar-Zohar said that in

"We tonk a group of Egyp-

tian prisoners, stood them against a wall... and we de-

cided to shoot them," Mr.

Bar-Zohar said. "We stood

before them with cocked

weapons and could not fire."

rades instead gave the prisoners water and sent them

He said be and his com-

Mr. Bar-Zohar's disclosure

came a week after retired

General Arye Biro acknow-

ledged in newspaper and TV interviews that he ordered

the killing of 49 Egyptian PoWs during the October

(Continued on page 3)

1956 Smai campaign.

six Israeli soldiers, including

Zeev Schul, a former

The army spokesmao's

'Israelis killed Arab

The veteran, author and ment. An Israeli official said



photo

hand man who defected last week, destroying their hopes of radical change.

Arab and Kurdish exiled opposition members warned that Hussein Kamel Hassan, President Saddam's soo-inlaw former industry minister who defected to Jordan on

dam Hussein with bis right-

Aug. 8, would also be a ruthless and undemocratie leader. These groups oppose meet-ing him and Gen, Hassan has made no overture toward

them. "The problem with the United States is that it bopes to replace Saddam with someone from his entourage, someone from inside the regime who could control tbings." Hamid Bayati, a spokesman for the Shiite Muslim opposition, said. "Someone who meets

these qualifications would

Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI), told "We believe that the nature of

the Iraqi-based Supreme

REFUGEE FLOW: Families expelled from Serb-held northern Bosnia

cross the River Sava in small hoats into Crotia. Several hundred people

were expelled on Tuesday and Wednesday and many more expected to be

expelled in an ethnic cleansing campaign waged by the Serbs (AFP

the regime would oot change if Hussein Kamel were in power," be added. Mr. Bayati said Gen. Has-

san had not contacted the opposition, but be bad made contacts with the Saudis whom he has given important information." He did not SCIRI, meanwhile, issued

a statement saying: "Meeting Hussein Kamel or cooperating with him is out of the goestion, because this character is among those who have committed massacres against the Iraqi people."

Gen. Hassan announced in Amman last Saturday that he planned to topple Saddam Hussein.

The Iraqi National Congress (INC), an umbrella group for the opposition. said bis defection "offers the opposition and the Iraqi peo-

INC, Mohammad Abdul Jabbar, said that "in no way means the INC is ready to cooperate with Hussein An INC member who did

But a spokesman for the

not want to be named said: "The democratic and Islamic oppositioo fears there is a U.S. scenario to overthrow Saddam Hussein and replace bim with someone from the same government.

"Hussein Kamel is the ideal solution for the Americans because they want a change from within the regime," the official said.

"We believe it will be a change in people and not iu the nature of the regime," be said. "It won't be Hussein Kamel who will set up a democratic government io Baghdad.'

Since the end of the 1991 Gulf war to liberate Kuwait from Iraqi occupatioo the opposition — which includes Kurds, Sunnis and Shiites has tried to win Western backing to govern Iraq after President Saddam's overthrow.

Fly me to Cuba,

says man armed with vodka bottle

JOHANNESBURG (R) -

A man carrying a vodka bot-tle which he said was a petrol bomb tried to hijack a South African deomstic flight to Cuba, airline official said Wednesday. "He said he wanted to go to Cuba," Johan Crouse, chairman of Phoenix Airways, told a new conference after the abortive mid-air hijack attempt Tuesday night. Police said a 31year-old white South African man was in custody after baying been overpowered by cabin crew once the Boeing 272, on a flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg, had returned to Cape Town. Mr. Cronse said the man carrying a paper bag with a bottle inside entered the cockpit shortly after take-off and de-Opposition fears U.S. backing manded the plane, carrying 97 passengers and seven crew, divert to Cuba. The man said the bag cootained a petrol bomb. "It was ex-plained to him that you oeed fuel and maps to fly to Cuba. so the plane would have to return to Cape Town. He was unhappy but he agreed," Mr. Crouse said. "He said that if his instructions were not carried out he would have no hesitatioo io using the bomb... "However when the hijacker said he wanted to smoke, the crew realised it was safe and the flight engineer got hold of the bag and the hijacker was overpo-

British shoppers set to shed pounds

LONDON (AFP) - British supermarkets started readying shoppers Tuesday for an imminent transformation in the way goods are priced and packaged according to weight, as old imperial measurements prepare to go metric. Supermarkets and chains put up large posters explaining an EU ruling under which from Oct. 1 al prepacked food products will no longer be priced in terms of pounds and ounces but kilogrammes and grammes. For a first period, the impemain in small figures beceath their metric equivalents to help consumers get used to the new pricing mechanism. All outlets failing to observe the EU ruling will be fined op to £5,000 (\$7,500).

U.S. to pay white supremacist \$3.1 million in damages

WASHINGTON (AFP) —

White supremacist Randy

Weaver will receive \$3.1 mil-

lion in damages from the

government in connection with the killiog of his wife and son during a standoff with U.S. federal agents in 1992. The government's actions in Ruby Ridge, Idaho during the siege, which began with an attempt to serve Mr. Weaver with an arrest warrant, led to the demotion of one top-ranking FBI agent, who was suspended along with four other ageuts. Federal prosecutors are conducting a criminal investiga-tion to determine if FBI officials tried to cover up their role in giving the sboot-to-kill orders. Mr. Weaver was linked to at least one white supremacist group and the vio-lent end to his standoff with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) became a cause celebrae for various supremacist, survivalist and anti-government groups. At issue in the current investigation is wby the snipers were tion is wby the snipers were told they "could and should" use deadly force in the standoff. Mr. Weaver's son, 14-year-old Samuel Weaver, was killed during an initial confrontation with U.S. marshals, who were preparing to arrest the elder Weaver on weapons charges. The white supremacist then holed h. nself up in his cabin. Durin, the siege that followed, Mr. Weaver's wife, Vicki, was shot by government sharp. shooters, who said later they were aiming at a man they thought was going for his gun. The government did not admit liability or wrongdoing in agreeing to settle Mr.
Weaver's lawsuit. Each of
Mr. Vicki Weaver's three surviving children are to re-ceive \$1 millioo under the Settlement, and Raudy-Weaver will get \$100,000,

Justice Department officials

obviously be a Sunni Arab ple new opportunities to military man," Mr. Bayati, a work together to topple the representative in London for dictator Saddam Hussein."

By Sa'eda Kilani

puties upon request. The statement came at a Parliament session during which the House continued discussions on a draft law on telecommunications. So far, the House has endorsed 87 of

The House also referred a draft law on environment to the Judiciary Committee after it was returned by the Upper House (Senate) for consideration of amendments

introduced by the Senate. Mr. Hammad, addressing the Khalifeh brothers' incideut publicly for the first time Wednesday, dismissed charges raised by opposition deputies against the government's handling of the incident and said the case was now in the hands of the attor-

raised by members of the Lower House, the minister said Mabmoud Khalifeh Awamleh, 31, was killed and bis brother Bashar was seriously injured after they opened fire oo a police squad that sought to arrest them upon a court order.

According to Mr. Ham-mad, when policemen went to arrest the two brothers upon a court order, they were taken aback by sbooting from within the apartment and had to return fire. As a result Mahmoud was killed, his brother Bashar was injured

jured. Basbar was treated at Al Hussein Medical Centre and is currently under arrest, pending trial, according to

Explaining police action, the minister asked: "If the

Oweidah, who was the first to take the floor in yesterday's sessioo, said the minister's written reply was not satisfac-tory. He said that the minister did not explain why the two brothers were wanted. why so many armed police units were sent to the sceoe and what meassures the government had taken before resorting to this act.

protection to the citizen?"

Deputy Mobammad

The case "is a very serious one... Does anyone have the right to enforce the law by himself?" Deputy Oweidah asked. "So many stories were told about this incident and we were expecting the government to tell the people the truth" at the time of the incident.

In a meeting with repre-sentatives of the foreign

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AMMAN — The minister of interior, Salameb Hammad, told Parliament yesterday that the case of the Khalifeb brothers, who were shot by police in "self-defence" last June, was now in the hands of the judicial authorities, and the prosecutor general could provide information to de-

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media last month, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker admitted that the government had made a mistake by not issuing a statement clarifying the circumstances which led to the sbooting incident. The prime minister

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Jordan-Kuwaiti rapproachement still faces hurdles But Sheikh Sabah sees ties with Jordan developing

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwaitis say Jordanian efforts to feeling over Jordan's sympathy in 1990 for the Iraqi bridge one of the most bitarmy that occupied this ter gaps in the Arab World emirate runs much deeper still face a barrier of mishere, and Kuwait will not trust, five years after the necessarily follow Saudi Gulf crisis divided the two

And even though Kuwaiti officials have started to exchange diplomatic pleasantires with their Jordanian counterparts, they have a trenchant Kuwaiti public opinion to contend with.

"The situation with the Saudis is not the same. The level of feeling among the Saudis (about Jordan) is nothing like it is here," a senior Kuwaiti government

official said. Kuwait's ties with Jordan have been in deep freeze since 1990. Kuwaitis have

vivid memories of widespread popular support for Iraq in Jordanian streets

Hundreds of thousands of Jordanians, many of them of Palestinian origin and long-term residents, fled Kowait during the occupation or were forced to leave amid Kuwaiti hostility after the 1991 liberatioo. They have not been allowed to return.

Kuwait withdrew its ambassador from Amman, and although diplomatic ties were not severed direct flights between the two states were not resumed. Jordan's embassy here remains closed.

"To destroy is easy. To rebuild is difficult," said Jassem Al Sager, chairman of parliament's foreign affairs committee.

"Jordan is trying bard to open a new page. And Kuwait does not want to close the door on reconciliation. But Kuwait, out of respect for public feel-. ing, has said 'no, not quite

He said a resumption of Jordanian diplomatic representation in Knwait still appeared a long way off, although a non-diplomatic presence might be reinstated shortly.

Efforts were stepped up to patch up ties after last week's Iraqi defections. Kuwait's Foreign Minis-ter Sheikh Sabab Al Ahmad Al Sabah confirmed to reporters in Kuwait that he had called his Jordanian counterpart Abdul Karim Kabariti after the defection.

Mr. Kabariti was reported on Wednesday as saying be expected to meet Sheikh Sabah on the sidelines of an Arab foreign ministers meeting in Cairo next month. It would be the first official top-level contact in five years.

Sbeikh Sabah also said ·last week he saw Kuwait's ties with Jordan developing. "We bope in the coming days that there is an increase in progress in ties between Kuwait and Jor-

But Abdul Mohsen Jamal, a member of parlia-

ment, said Jordan's granting of political amnesty to the Iraqi defectors - a move seen as courageous by Kuwait's Western allies - would not make any difference to ordinary

"Maybe Jordan can make a relationship with Kuwait's government but it will not be able to make one with its people," he said. "The position of the Kuwaiti government is different from the position of the Kuwaiti people."

Many deputies and ordinary Kowaitis still want Jordan to apologise for its former sympathy for Iraq.

The Kuwaiti government has not mentioned the

months. Instead, it seekse Jordanian support in winning the release of Kuwaitis it believes are still being beld by Baghdad, and the return from Iraq of stolen property.
"Jordan should take this

opportunity to mend relations with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia," Mr. Jamai said. "But until now (Jordan) bas not admitted" what he called Jordanian "mistakes" during the Gulf

Mr. Kabariti was visiting Sandi Arabia on Wednesday, carrying a letter from King Hussein to King Fahd. Jordanian officials hope it could lead to a summit this year to end their rift.

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